

FACTS  
ABOUT  
**INSULATION**

**SILVERCOTE**

*Reflective Insulation*

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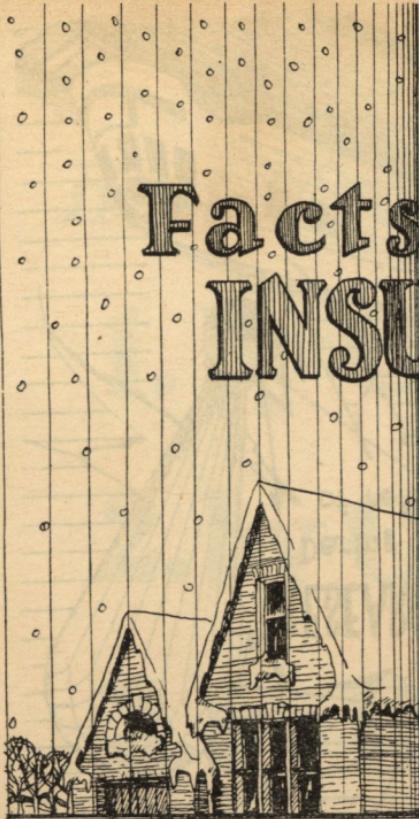
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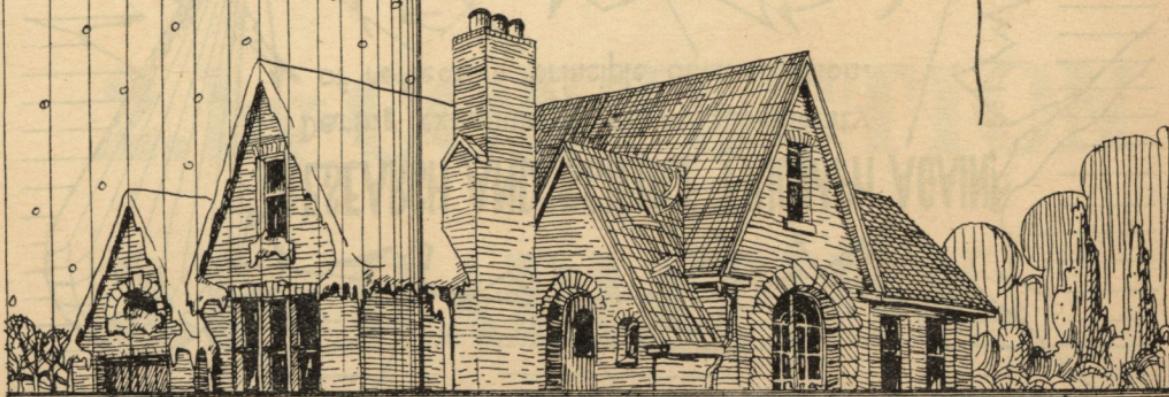
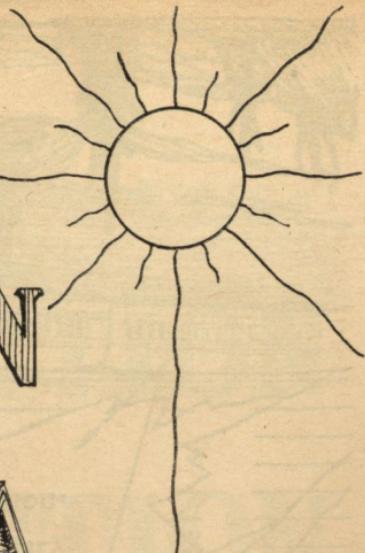
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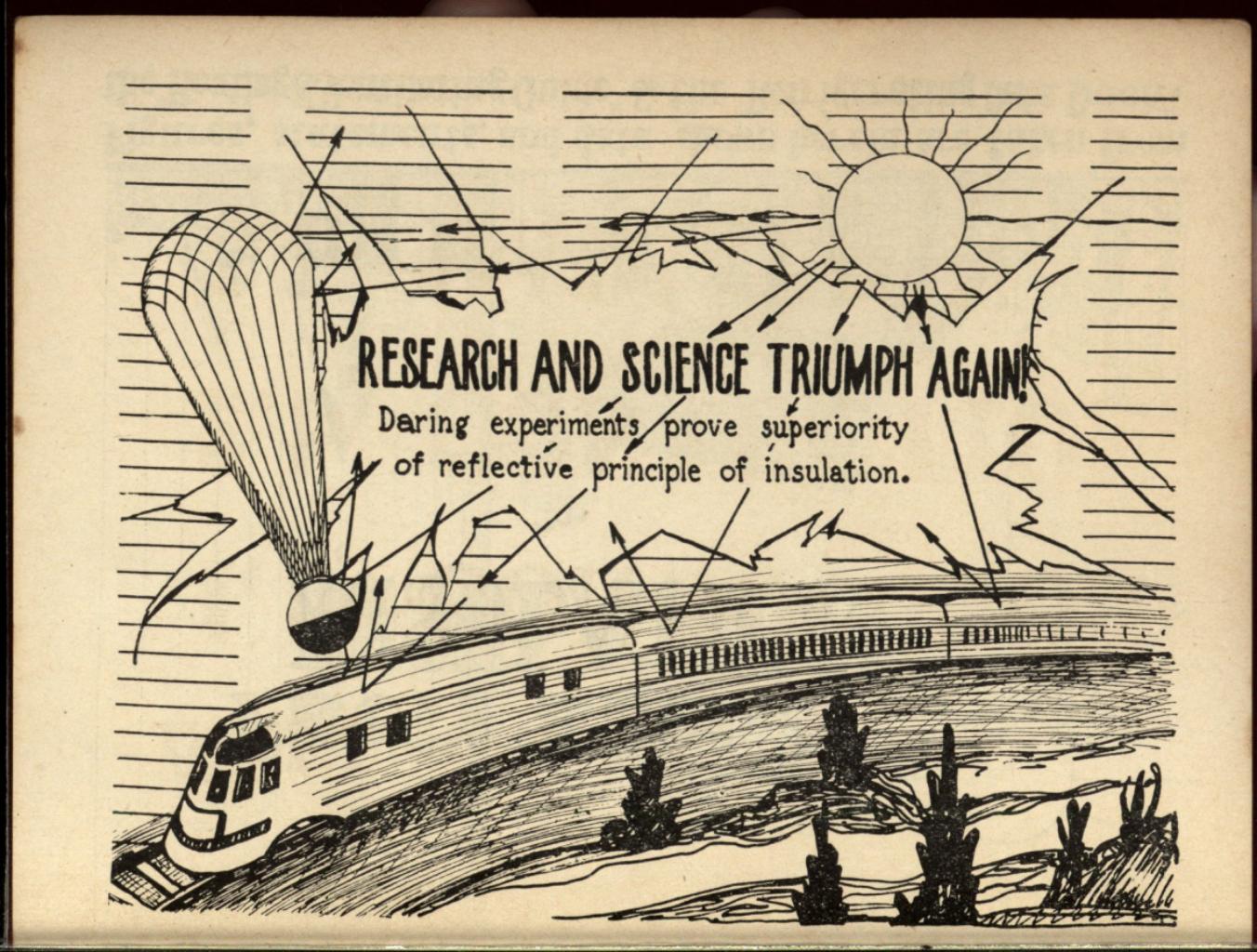
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# Facts about INSULATION



Figures, statements, and data shown herein are taken from the "Heating & Ventilating Guide" & the "Refrigerating Data Book".

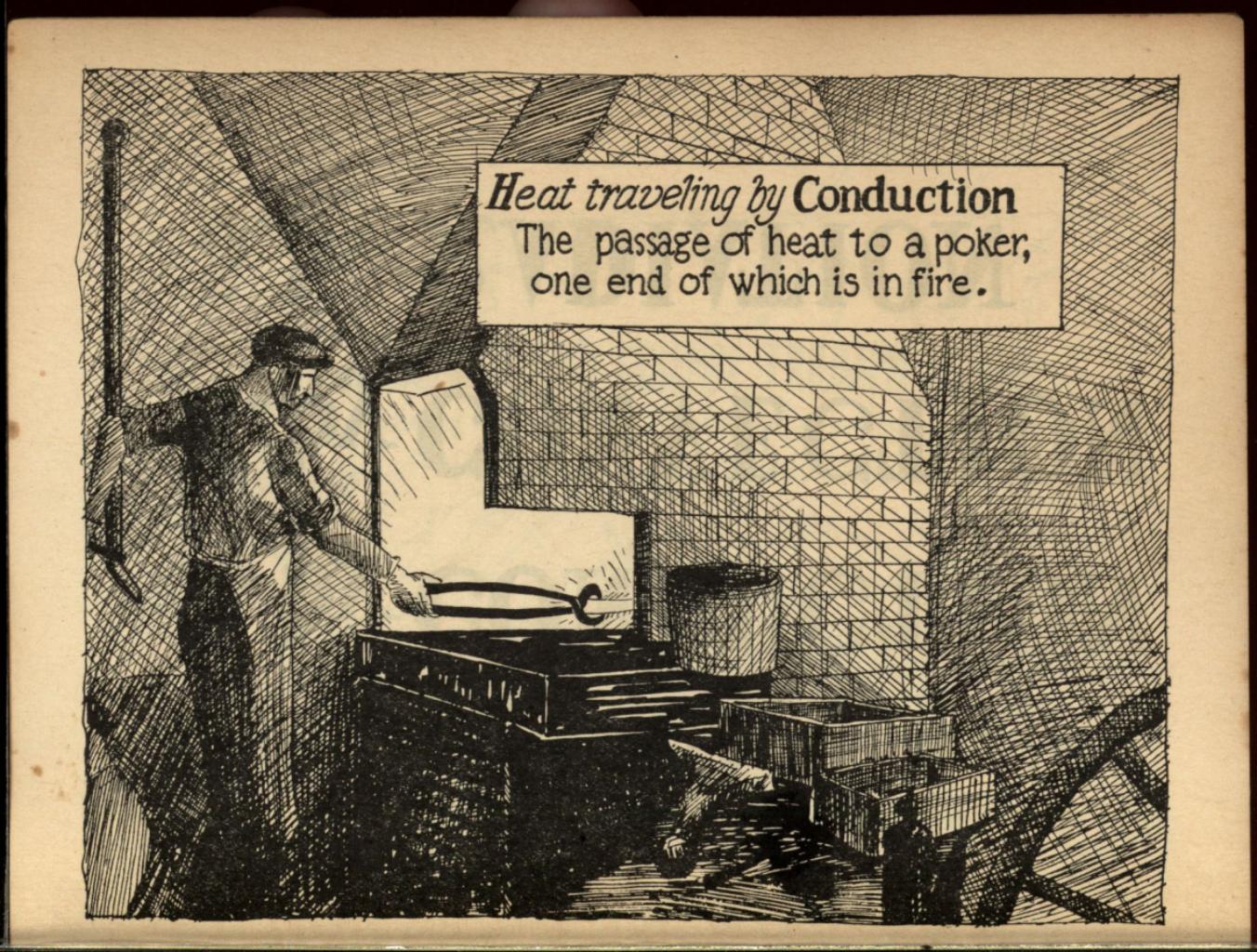


## RESEARCH AND SCIENCE TRIUMPH AGAIN!

Daring experiments prove superiority  
of reflective principle of insulation.

*Heat travels in three ways:*

- 1. by CONDUCTION**
- 2. by CONVECTION**
- 3. by RADIATION**

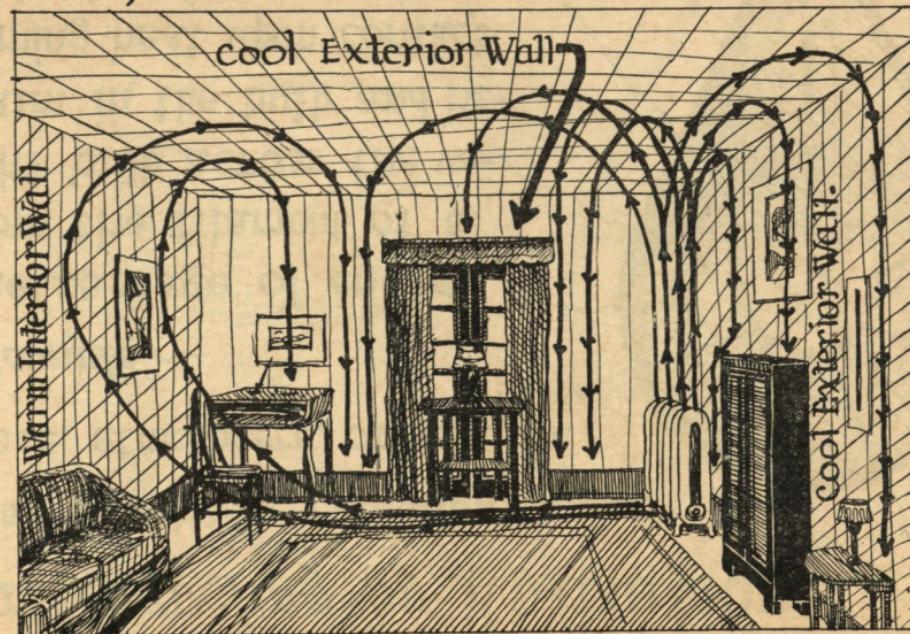


## *Heat traveling by Conduction*

The passage of heat to a poker,  
one end of which is in fire.

# *Heat traveling by Convection*

The rising of heated air, its passage to the ceiling, usually upwards along interior heated walls, downward along cooler "exterior" walls and windows, - or the movement of heated air.

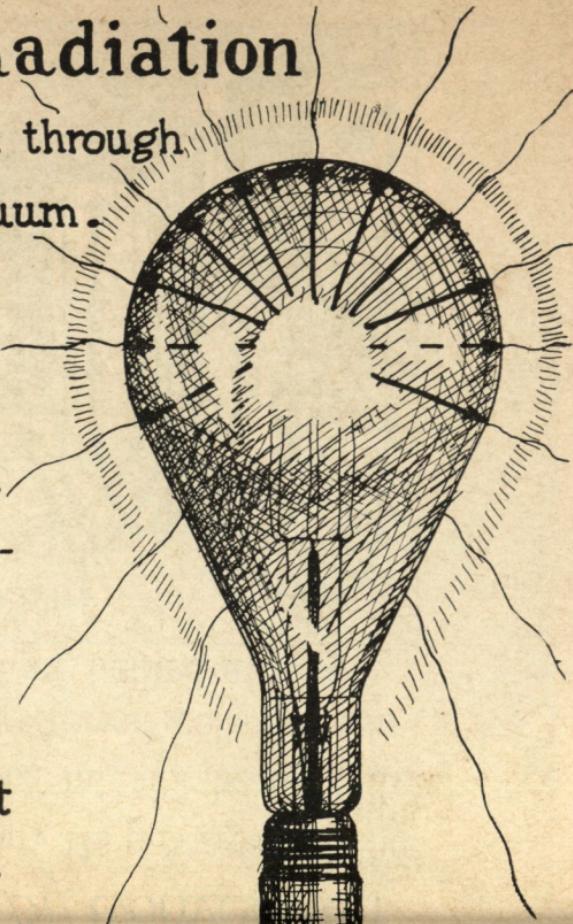


# *Heat traveling by Radiation*

Heat travels by radiation through space, atmosphere, or vacuum.

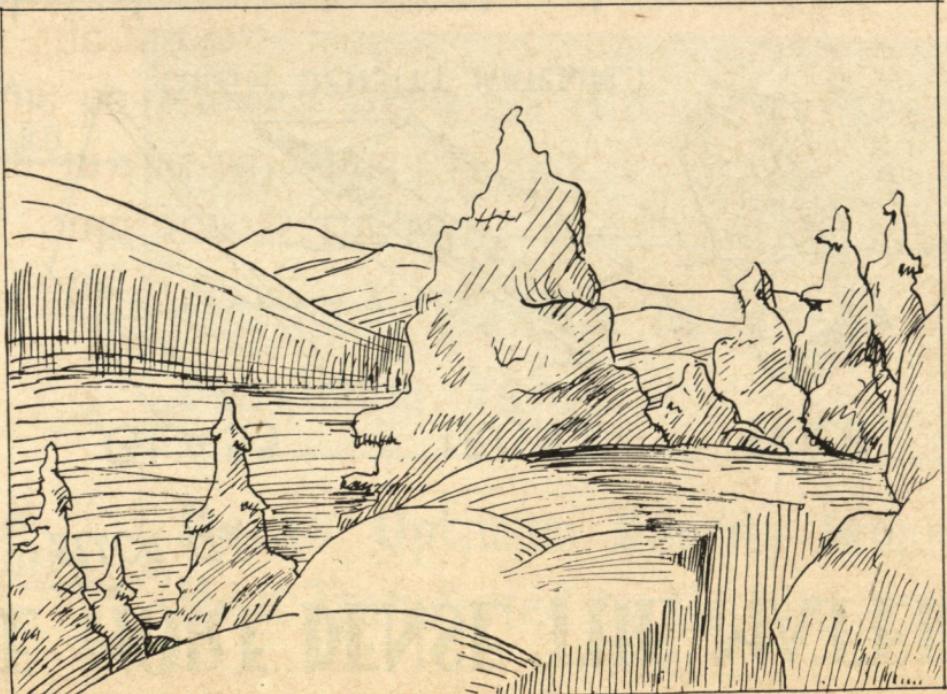
## *Example ~*

The passage of energy from the filament of a light bulb across the vacuum in the bulb and becoming heat upon contact with the glass.



**60% to 80%** of all heat loss through a wall is in the form of radiant heat.

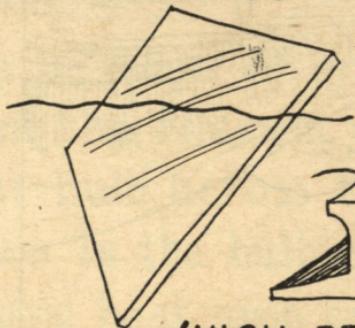
Heat is a form of energy. Cold is simply an expression indicating lower temperatures. It is not a form of energy. Cold is simply an absence of heat in some degree.



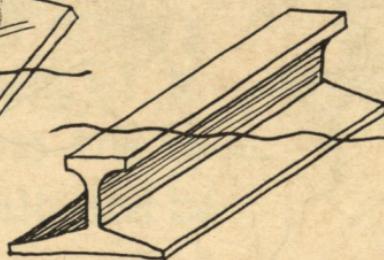
# THE MORE DENSE THE MATERIAL

*such as ~*

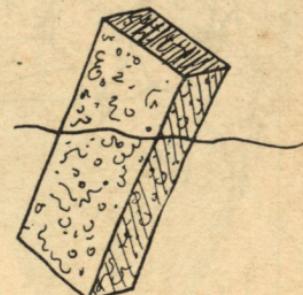
GLASS



IRON



BRICK



(HIGH DENSITY MATERIAL)

the closer the molecules, and the more rapidly heat is conducted through the material.

## Optimum Density.

MATERIAL  
TOO HARD

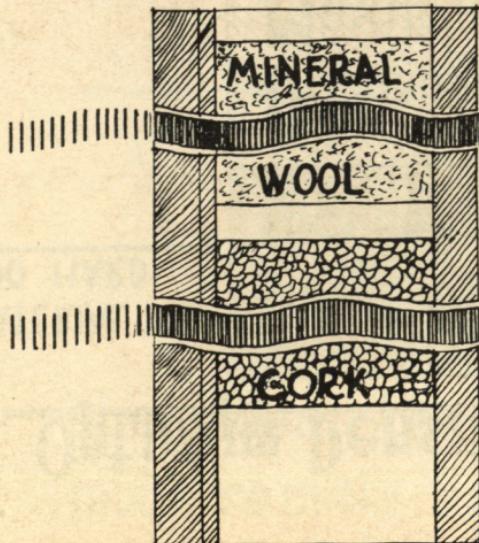
Over Optimum Density Means  
Increase in Heat Conduction.

MATERIAL  
TOO FLUFFY

Optimum Density Means  
Maximum Value.

Below Optimum Density Means  
Heat Transferred by Air Filtration.

Conductive types of insulation merely slow up flow of heat from hot to cold depending on density and on their freedom from moisture.



*LOW DENSITY AT  
BONE DRY RATINGS*

*Both depreciated by  
moisture uptake because  
moisture increases density.*

Insulation should eliminate, then, in  
addition to stopping the transfer  
of heat ~

**1. SURFACE**

**CONDENSATION**

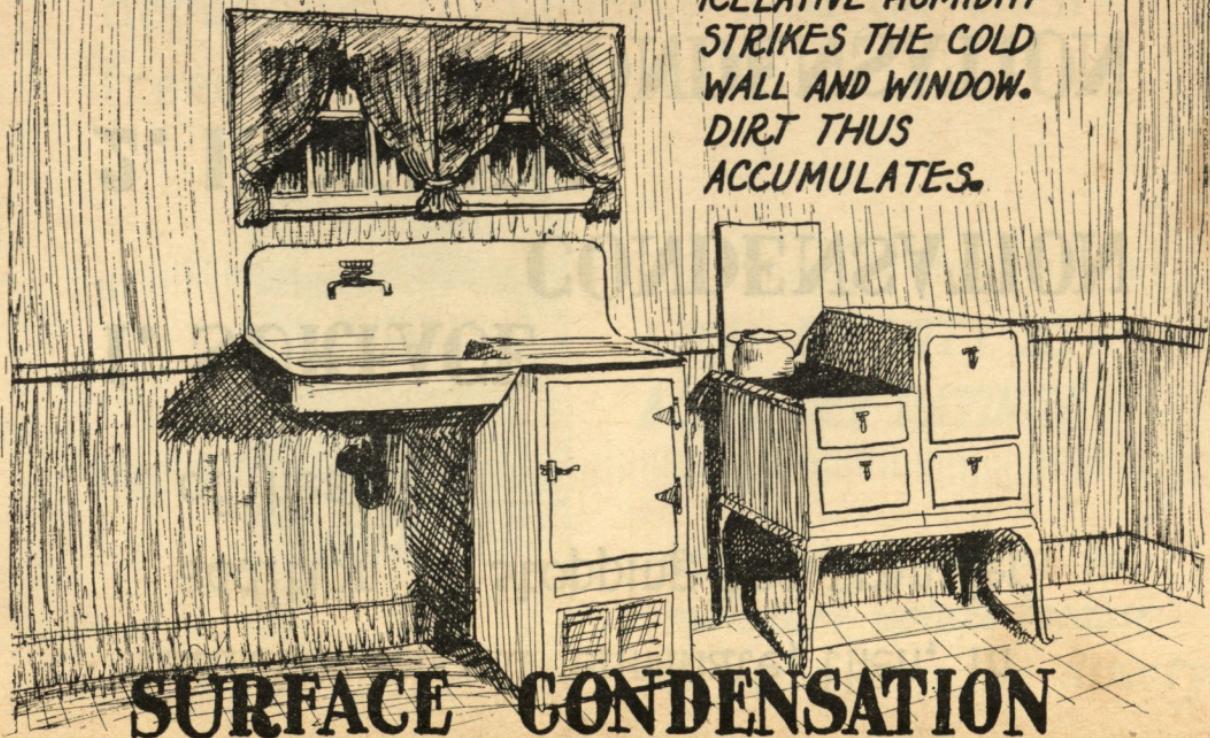
**2. INTERNAL**

**CONDENSATION**

**3. WIND**

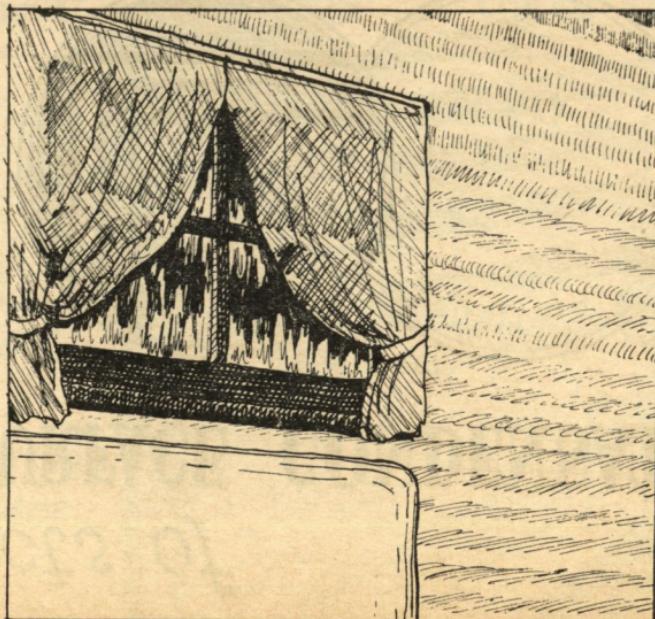
**INFILTRATION**

SURFACE CONDENSATION OCCURS  
WHEN THE ATMOSPHERE  
IN THIS ROOM OF  
75°F. CARRYING 50%  
RELATIVE HUMIDITY  
STRIKES THE COLD  
WALL AND WINDOW.  
DIRT THUS  
ACCUMULATES.

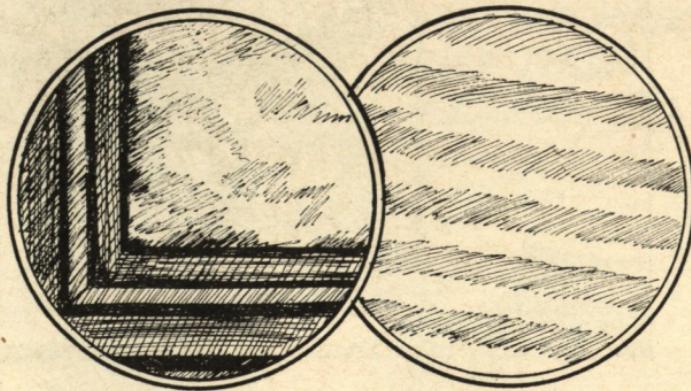


**SURFACE CONDENSATION**

A closeup of this cold kitchen wall  
and window looks like this ~ frost on  
windows and dirty lath marks on walls.



# *Effects of* **SURFACE CONDENSATION**

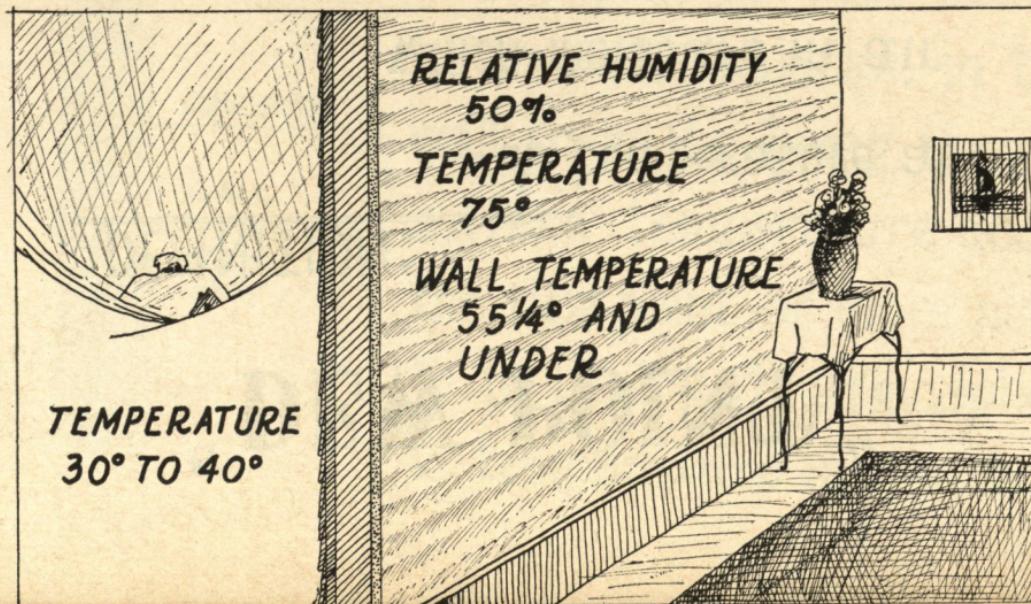


**DIRT DEPOSITS      LATH MARKS**

**The dirty walls in the room indicate source of heat loss.**

## Why lath marks?

The plaster space between each of the laths is lower in temperature; hence, a greater amount of dirt and moisture is deposited, and greater heat losses occur at these spaces.

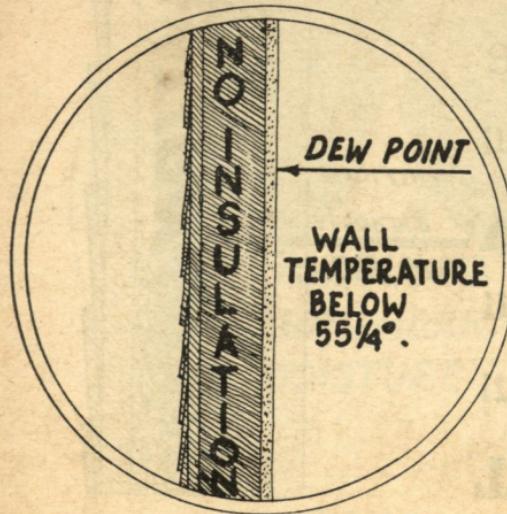


# "DEW POINT"

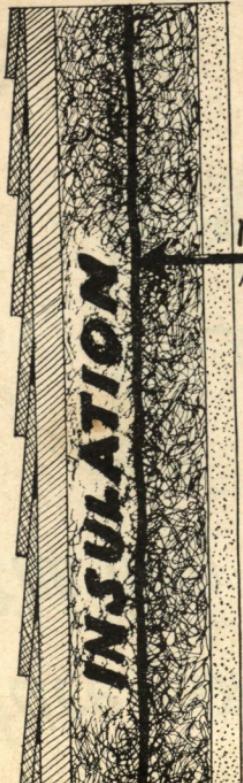
## DEFINITION:

A temperature at  
which moisture in air  
will no longer remain in  
suspension.

*To eliminate lath marks and surface condensation we must move the dew point from the wall surface*



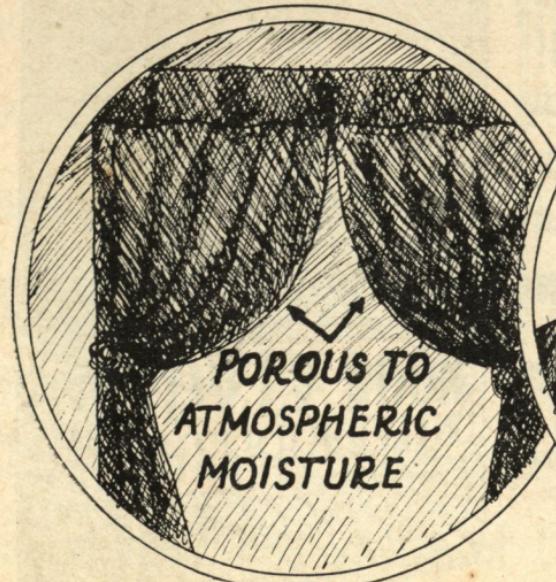
The way to do that would be to put insulation in the wall so as to bring the wall surface temperature above the dew point or more nearly in line with atmospheric temperature in the room.



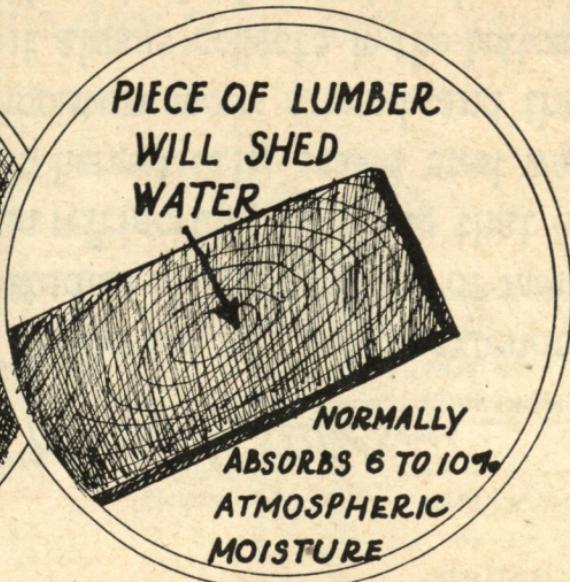
The cold outside air and the inside warm moist air **MUST** meet somewhere in the wall.

When they meet the warm moist air is cooled, thus creating a dew point causing moisture accumulation in the insulation itself. This increases the density of the insulation material.

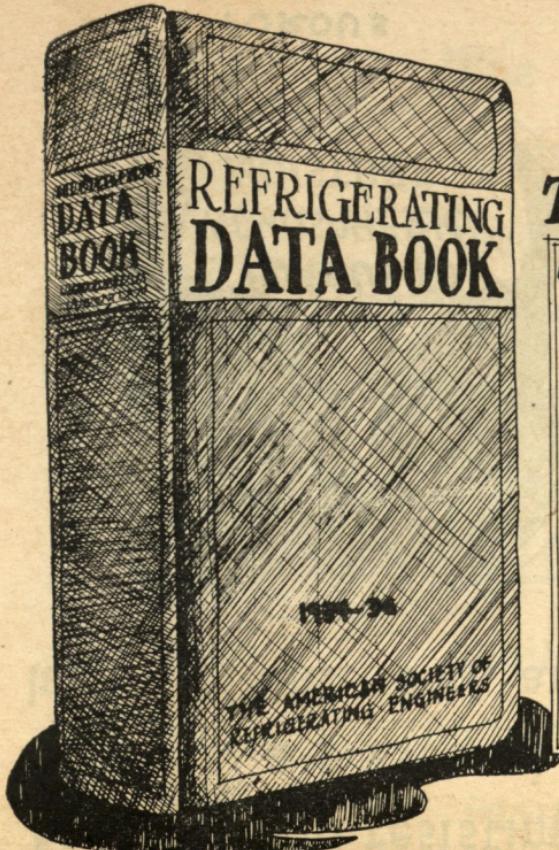
As applied to resisting penetration of atmospheric moisture, a plastered wall may be compared with a lace curtain. Both are porous to that element.



POROUS



WATERPROOF, BUT NOT  
MOISTURE PROOF

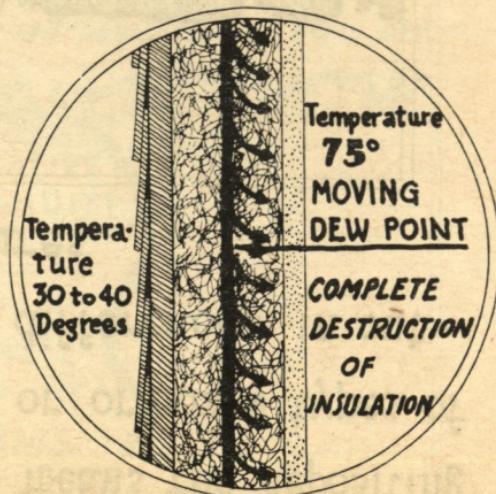


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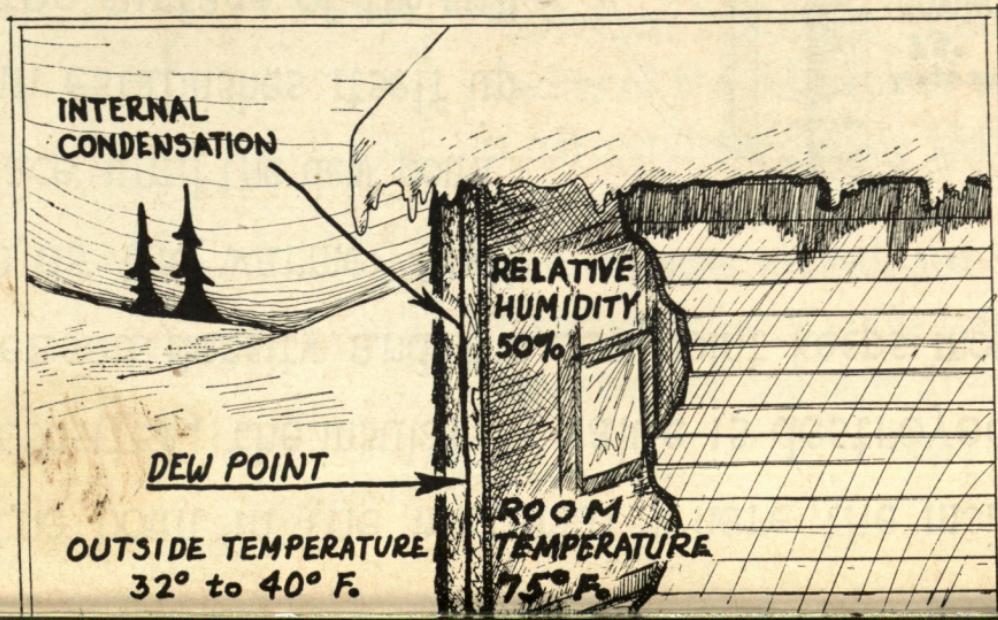
"McPherson has made extended studies of the behavior of moisture in refrigerators, finding that even in hermetically sealed steel walls moisture moves around, and that it always collects in the bottom to the extent of complete drenching."

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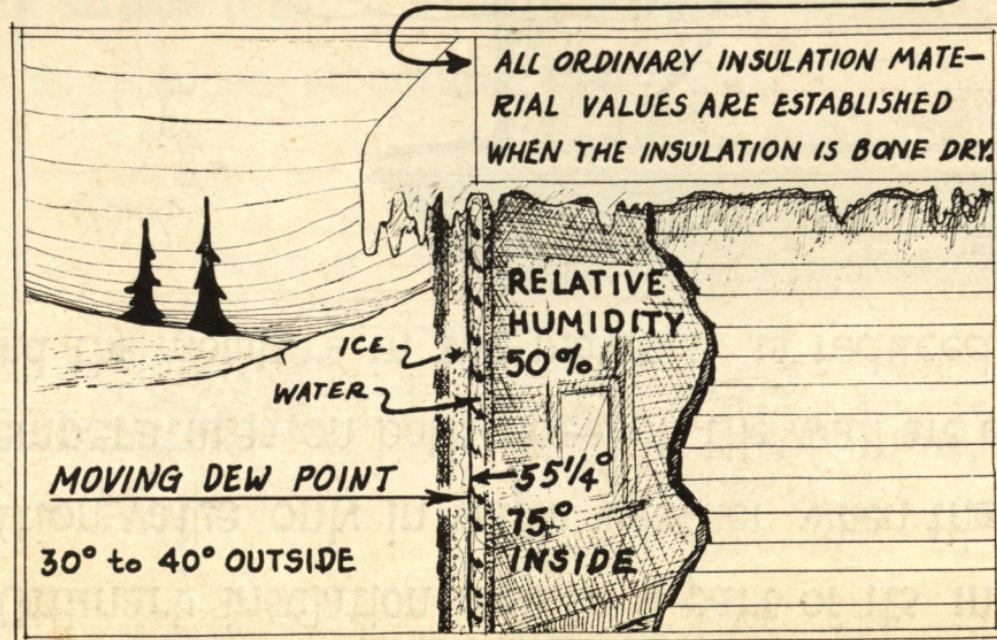
At the point in the material where the moisture is deposited, the insulation value is destroyed by increased density and the dew point keeps moving towards the warmer wall surface until the dew point again establishes itself upon the surface of the wall. This proves definite depreciation of the value of the insulation.



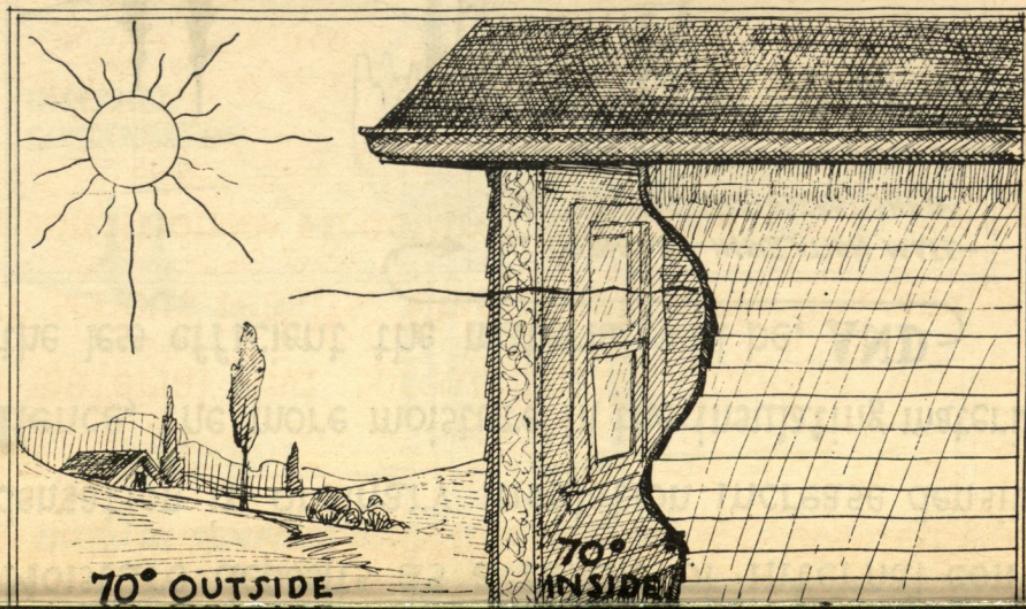
**"Internal Condensation"** means the depositing of moisture in conventional or ordinary types of insulation due to extreme differences in outside and inside temperatures.



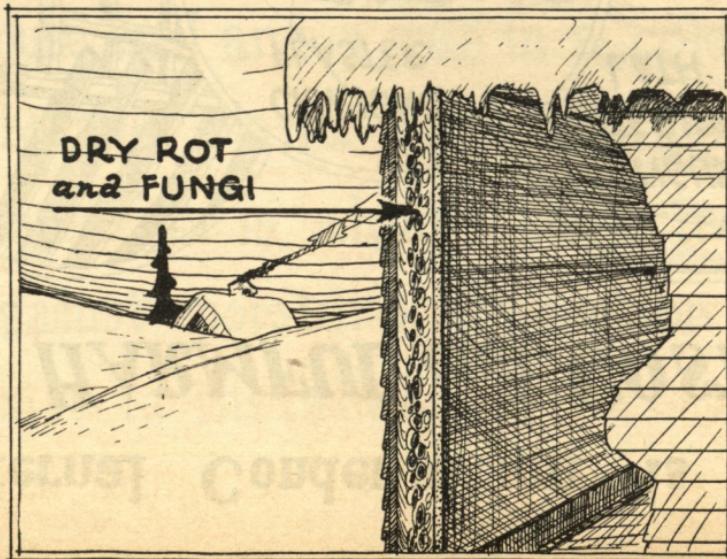
Moisture deposits as a result of internal condensation in ordinary insulation increase density. Hence, the more moisture in the insulating material the less efficient the material will be, **AND** -



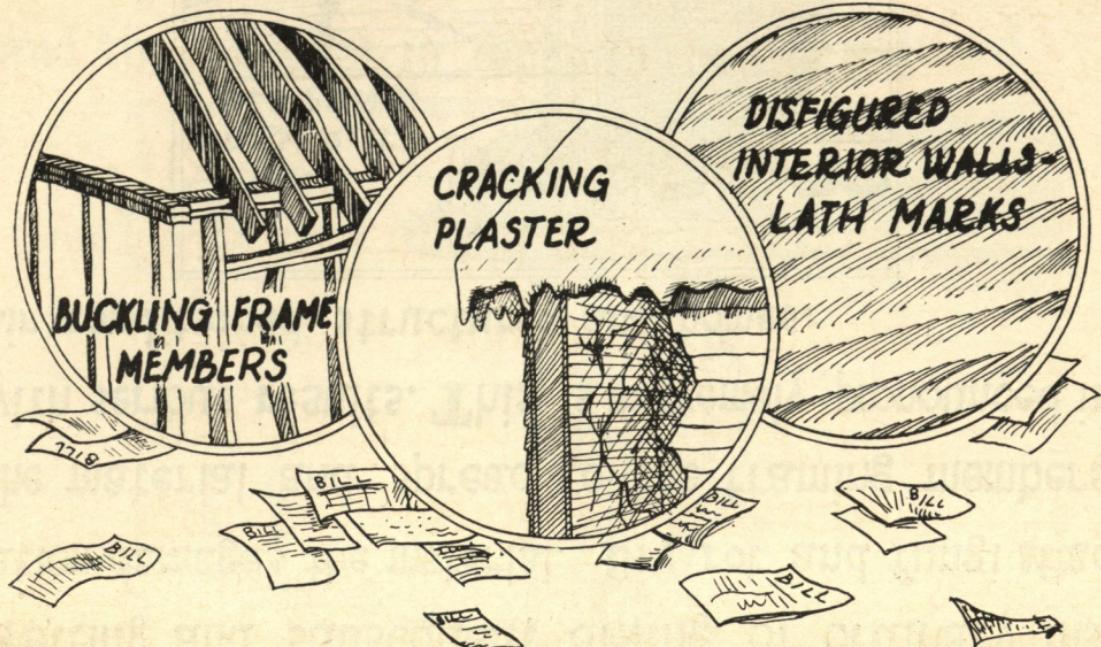
Ordinary insulation regains a part of its insulation value only in warm weather when the temperatures on both sides of the wall are equal and the moisture in the material is reduced.



Wetting and subsequent drying of ordinary insulation damages the material. Dry rot and fungi attack the material and spread to the framing members with serious results. This is extremely pronounced in air conditioned structures and homes.



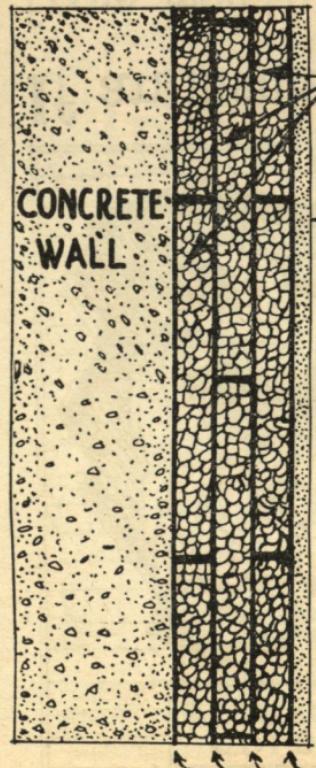
# Internal Condensation is **HARMFUL and COSTLY!**



From the standpoint of temperature variation there is little difference between an ordinary house wall and a wall in a cold storage plant. Cold storage insulation is always protected against moisture absorption as it is installed.

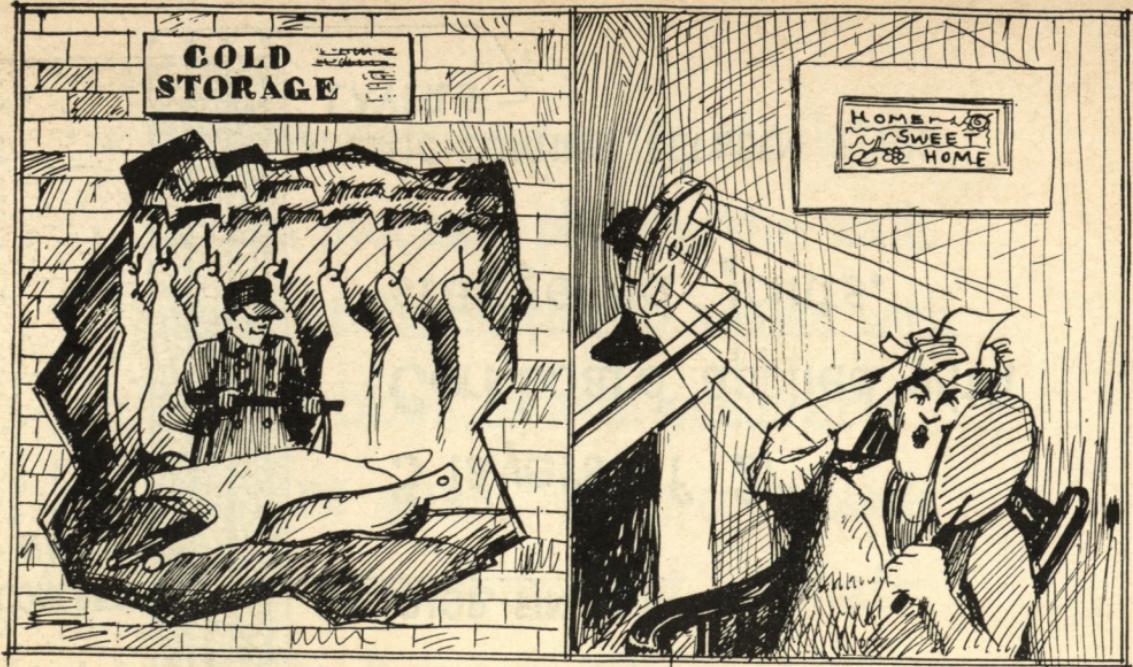
Before applying cork insulation in cold storage plants, the walls are first hermetically sealed with asphalt blown on with pneumatic pressure guns. Each cork block is submerged in a hot asphalt bath to hermetically seal it against moisture absorption.

# One method of constructing a cold storage wall:

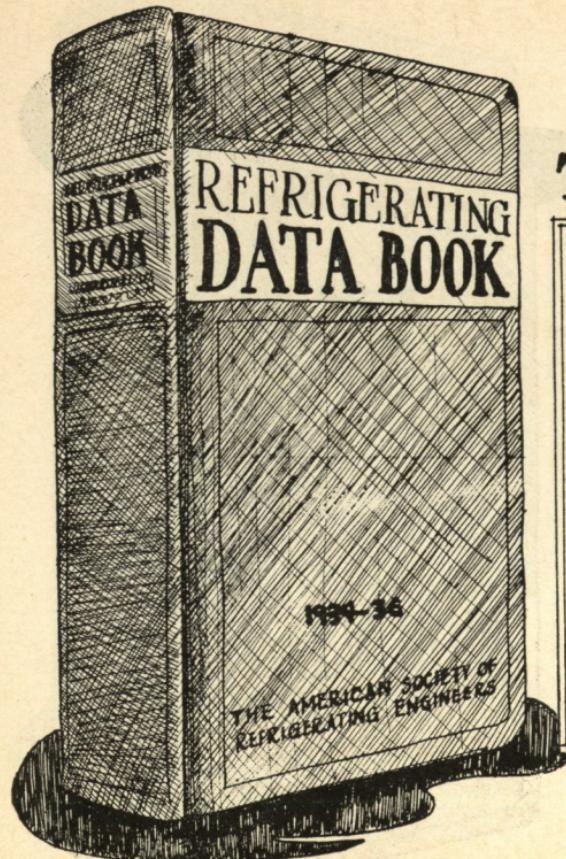


3 layers of 2"  
Corkboard applied with  
staggered joints.

MASTIC COATING BETWEEN  
LAYERS



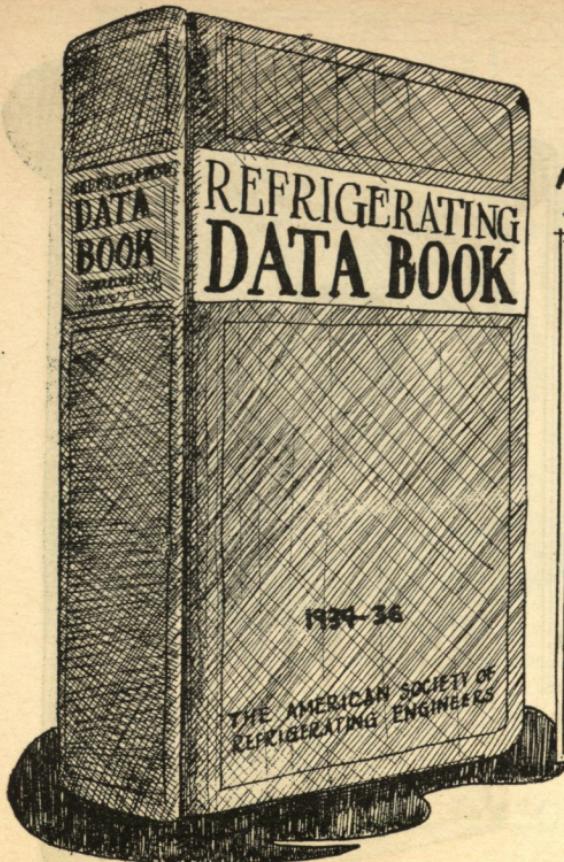
If an insulation material MUST be protected from moisture absorption in a cold storage plant, then it SHOULD be protected when used in a house.



*This book states:*

“An entirely satisfactory commercial method for applying insulation has not been found.”

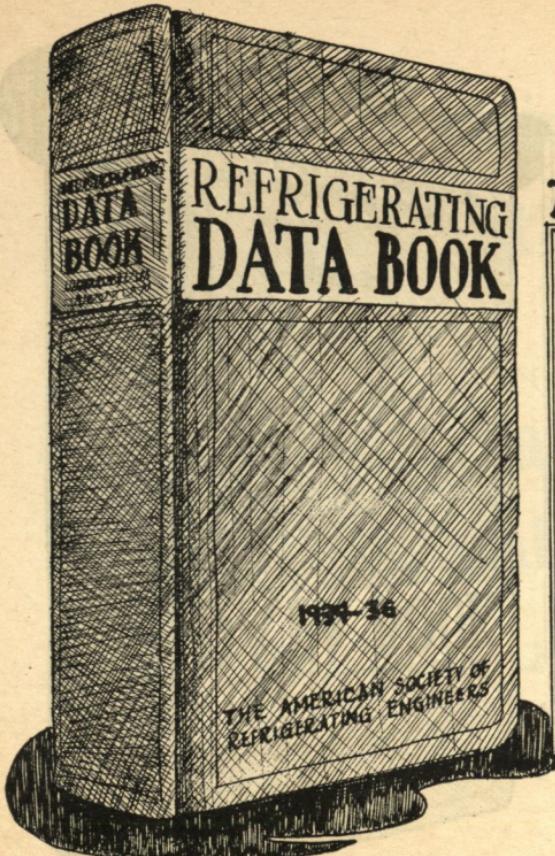
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*This book states:*

**“Practical measures of moisture protection constitute the chief element of the problem of application of insulation.”**

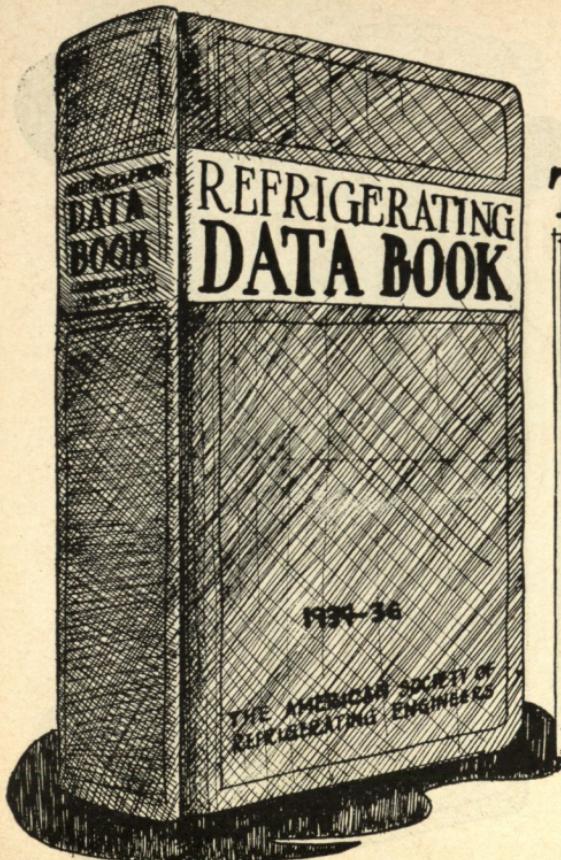
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*This book states:*

**"No waterproof  
materials used  
in applying  
insulation are  
vapor proof."**

**-Page 237**



*This book states:*

**“Due to infiltration of moisture, insulating material deteriorates in time, causing loss of insulating value and disintegration.”**

*~ Page 237*

Winter air conditioning means stepping up the moisture content of heated air. This situation makes obsolete all porous, moisture absorbing forms of insulation.

At bone dry ordinary insulations provide a good insulation efficiency because they are porous.

But, in addition to moisture uptake, they are further depreciated by **WIND INFILTRATION** at cracks between siding and sheathing allowing wind to pass into the porous insulation itself.

“The natural movement of air through building construction is due to two causes. One is the pressure exerted by the wind; the other is the difference in density of outside and inside air because of differences in temperature.”

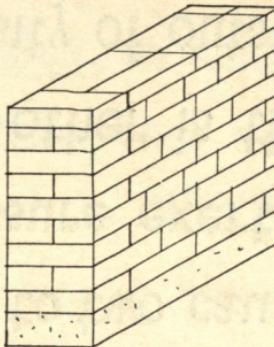
from the “Heating & Ventilating Guide”  
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# AIR INFILTRATION THROUGH WALLS

Expressed in cubic feet of wind infiltration  
per square foot of wall area per hour

## 8½" Brick Construction

Wind  
Velocity  
25 Miles per  
Hour.

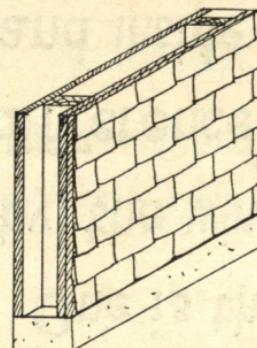


### INFILTRATION

**18.6** cu. ft. per sq. ft.  
of wall area per hour.

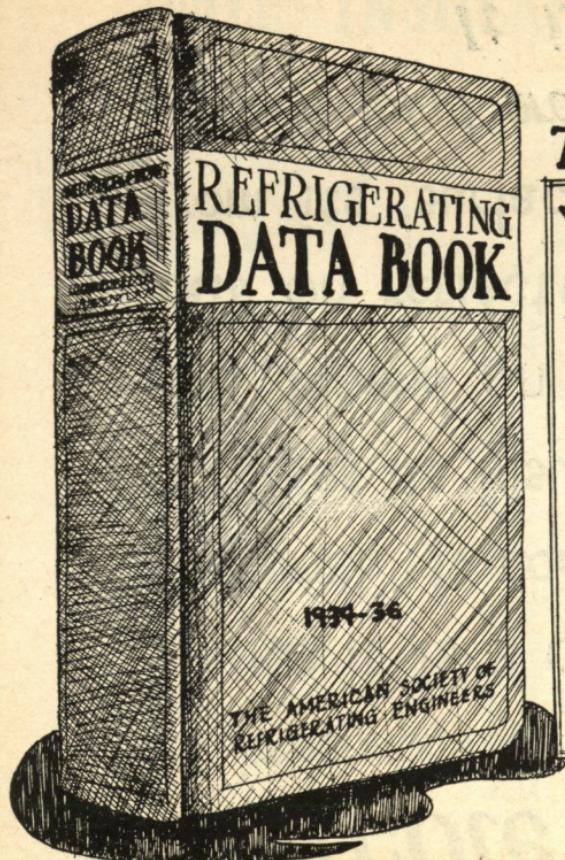
## Frame Construction

Wind  
Velocity  
25 Miles per  
Hour.



### INFILTRATION

**35.0** cu. ft. per sq. ft.  
of wall area per hour.



This book states:

"It cannot be said too often, however, that conductivity of laboratory samples on the thickness basis has had more attention than it deserves. It is only part of the story, even in theory, and in practise the other items discussed here may quite overshadow it."

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# *Silvercote Fabric*

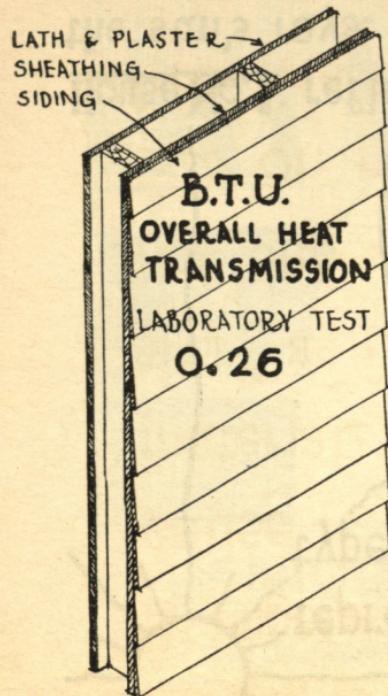
is impervious to wind infiltration because it is a dense, homogeneous material. It does not consider "Density" as its insulation efficiency does not depend on slow conduction, but on reflection of heat from its surface.

*It is wind proof ~*

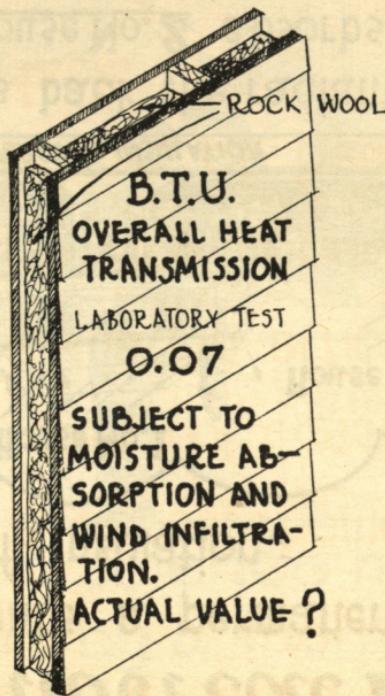
*It is moisture proof.*

# WALL INSULATION EFFICIENCIES

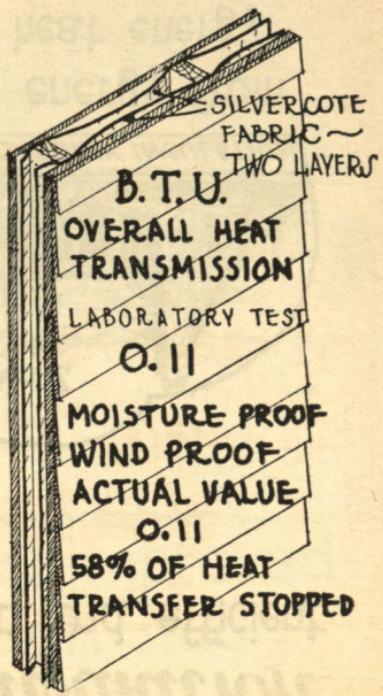
## NO INSULATION

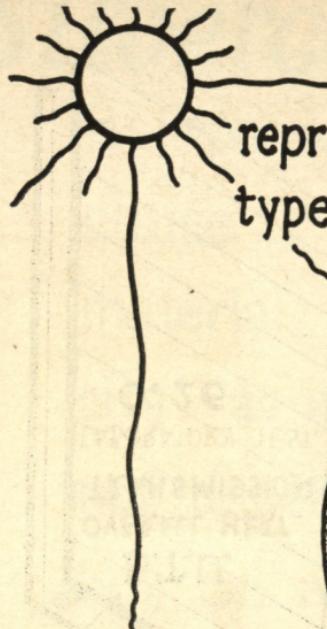


## ROCK WOOL



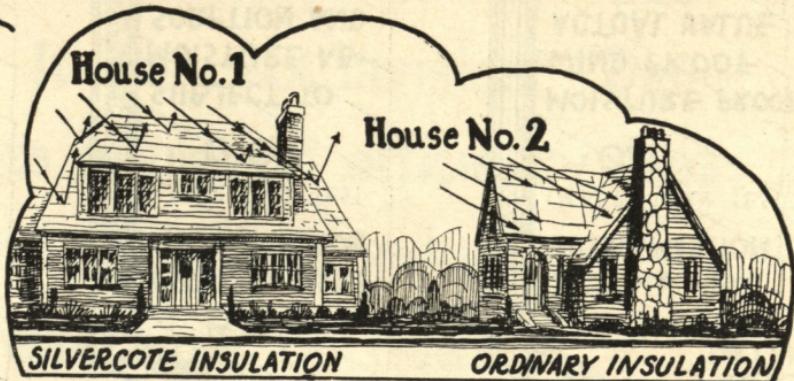
## SILVERCOTE FABRIC





# *Silvercote Insulation*

represents a permanent and efficient type of insulation.



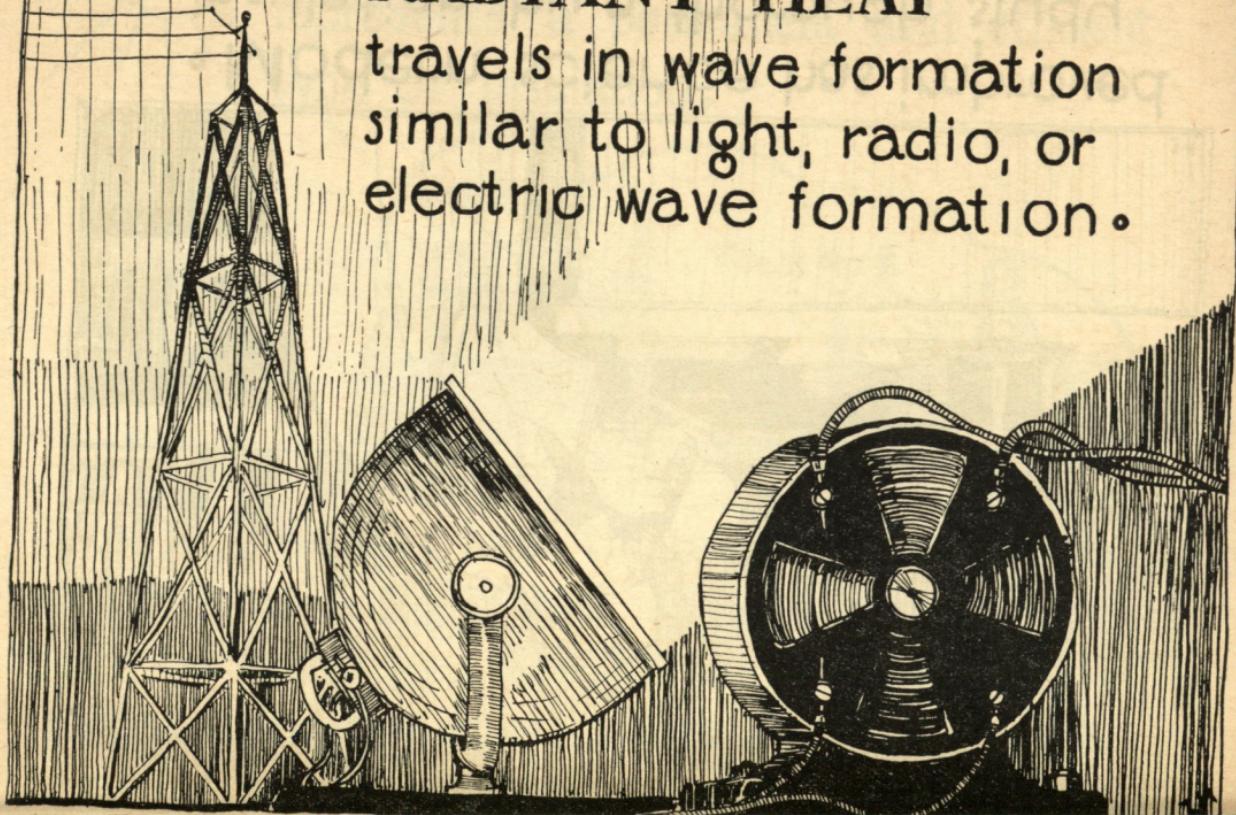
House No. 1 reflects back the radiant energy from the sun's rays. House No. 2 absorbs heat energy from the sun's rays, keeping the attic and bedrooms at an uncomfortable temperature even after midnight in hot weather.



• Modern science has improved  
insulation by a thorough study  
of heat. •

# RADIANT HEAT

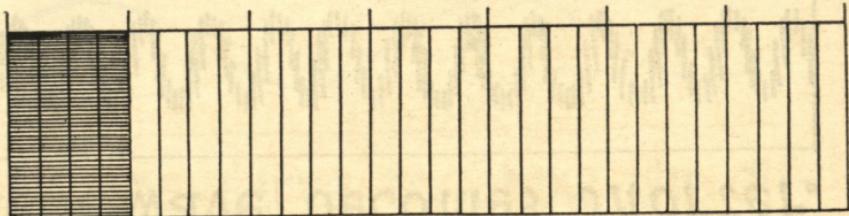
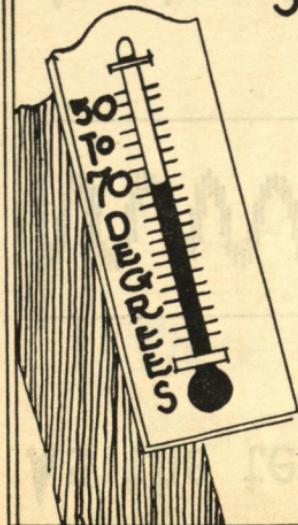
travels in wave formation  
similar to light, radio, or  
electric wave formation.



At a mean temperature of 50° to 70° F.  
the radiant heat wave is 10 to 12  
microns long (a micron is one millionth  
of a meter or  $\frac{1}{100,000}$  of an inch).

scale~

100,000 sections to the inch

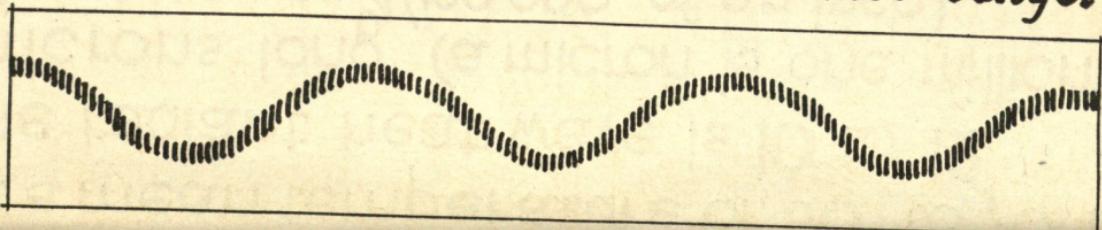


one micron

As the temperature increases, the heat wave becomes shorter.



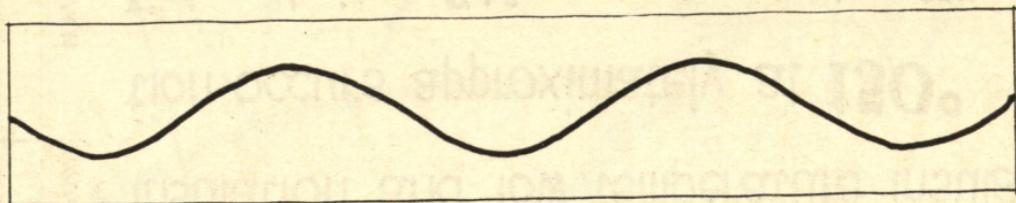
As the temperature decreases, the heat wave becomes longer.



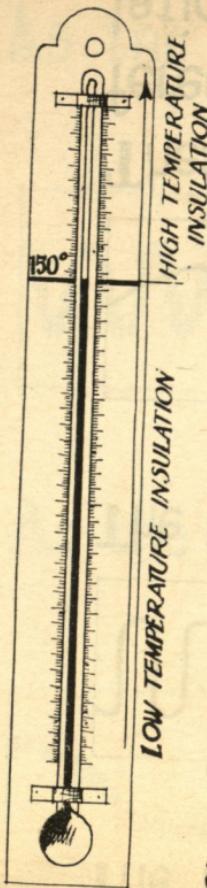
The higher the temperature  
the *higher* the frequency



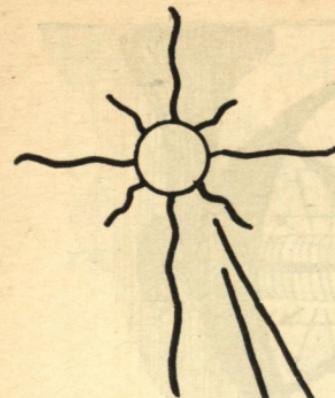
The lower the temperature  
the *lower* the frequency



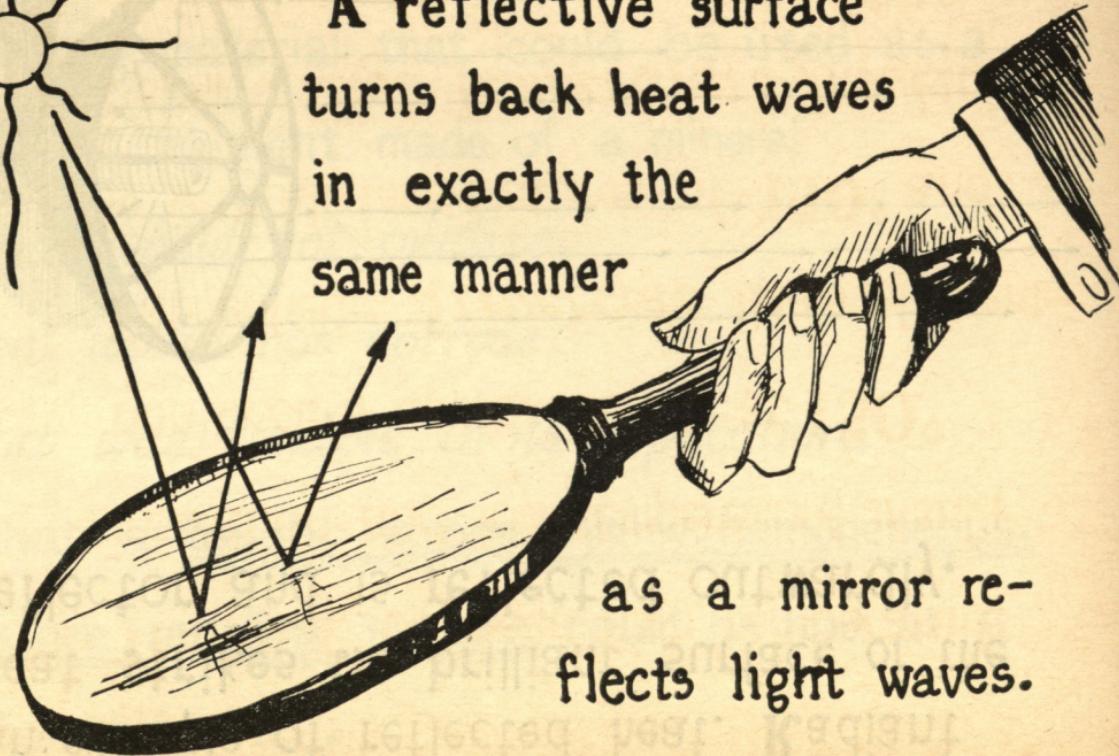
These changes serve to show the difference between high temperature insulation and low temperature insulation.



The break between high temperature insulation and low temperature insulation occurs approximately at **150°** Fahrenheit. *Silvercote* deals efficiently with all temperatures of **150°** and below. *High Temperature Insulation* deals with temperatures of **150°** and up.

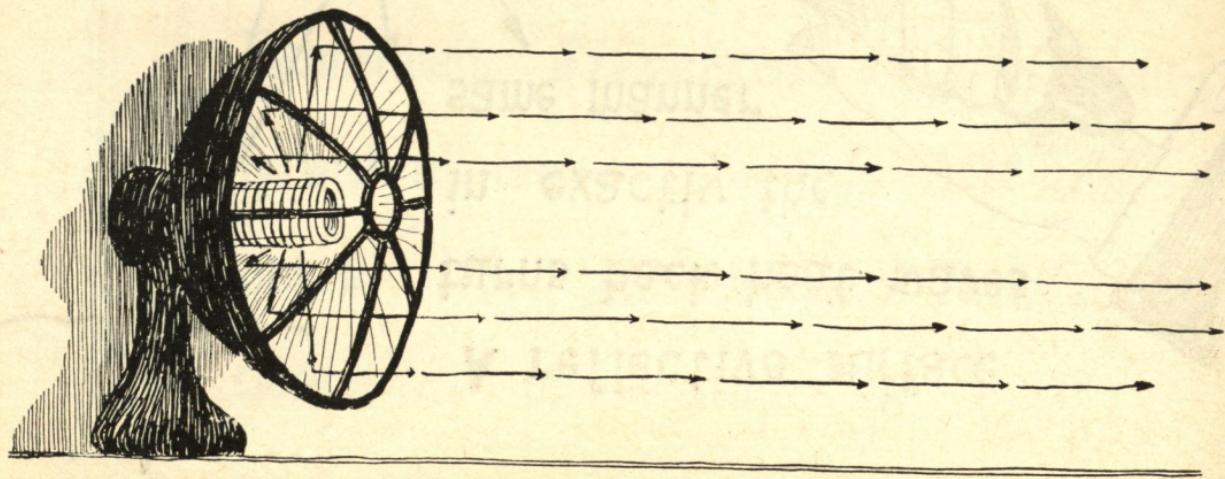


A reflective surface  
turns back heat waves  
in exactly the  
same manner



as a mirror re-  
flects light waves.

An example of reflected heat. Radiant heat strikes the brilliant surface of the reflector and is reflected outwardly.

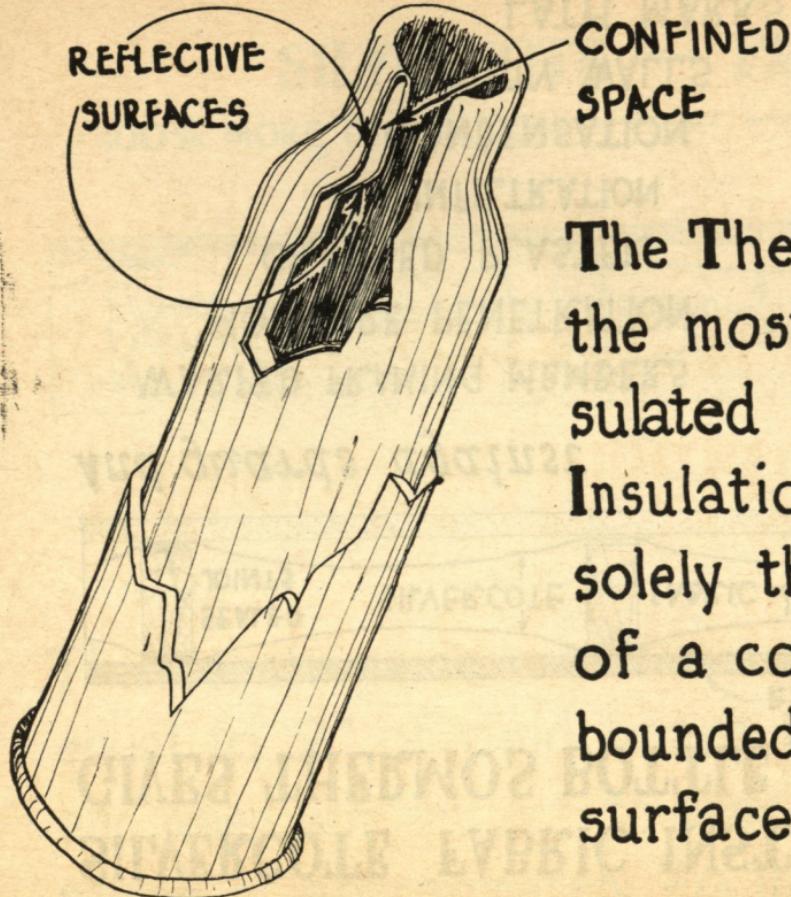


Modern science and research sought for an insulating material that could be used as a reflecting element made of a mineral that would not oxidize, that would not corrode, that was flexible in its application, so that a tough, strong, highly homogeneous, moisture repelling surface could be had at a reasonable price.

*Cost savings by 50%  
up to 50% less  
heat loss  
up to 50% less  
wind infiltration*

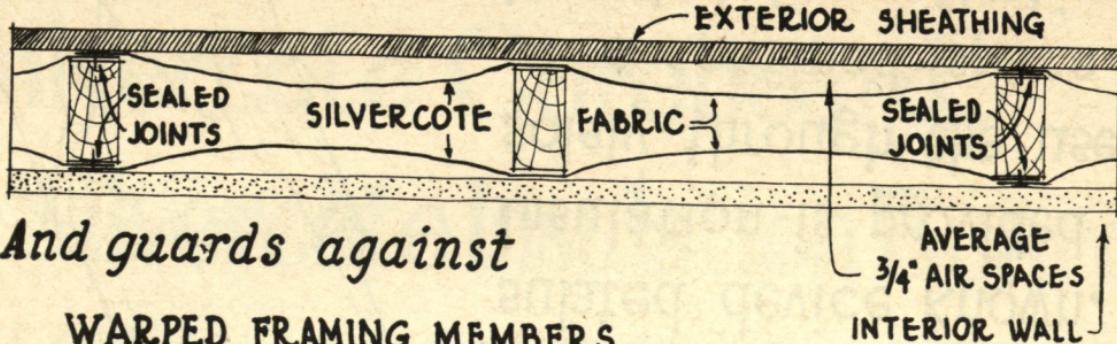
# Silvercote Fabric, Silvercote Coreboard, Silvercote Insulation Board

effectively correct the moisture  
problem and stop wind infiltration.



The Thermos bottle is the most efficiently insulated device known. Insulation is provided solely through the use of a confined space bounded by reflective surfaces.

# SILVERCOTE FABRIC INSTALLED IN WALLS GIVES THERMOS BOTTLE CONSTRUCTION



*And guards against*

WARPED FRAMING MEMBERS

MOISTURE PENETRATION

CRACKED PLASTER

AIR INFILTRATION

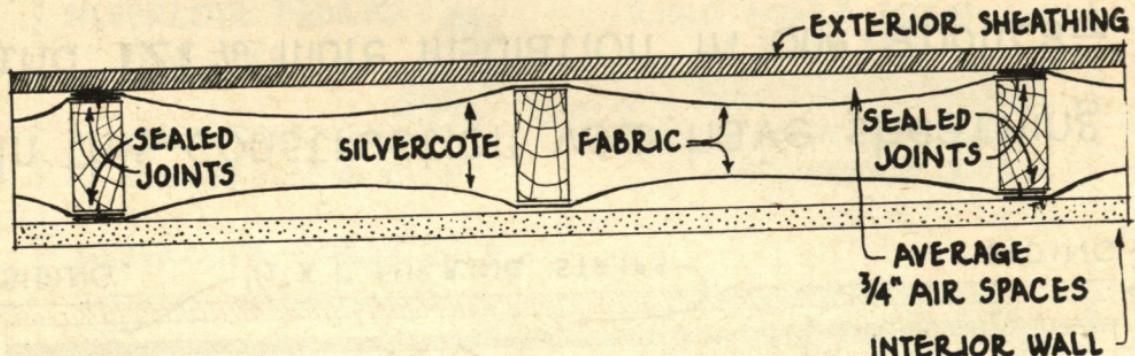
CONDENSATION

DIRTY WALLS

LATH MARKS

# SILVERCOTE — FABRIC

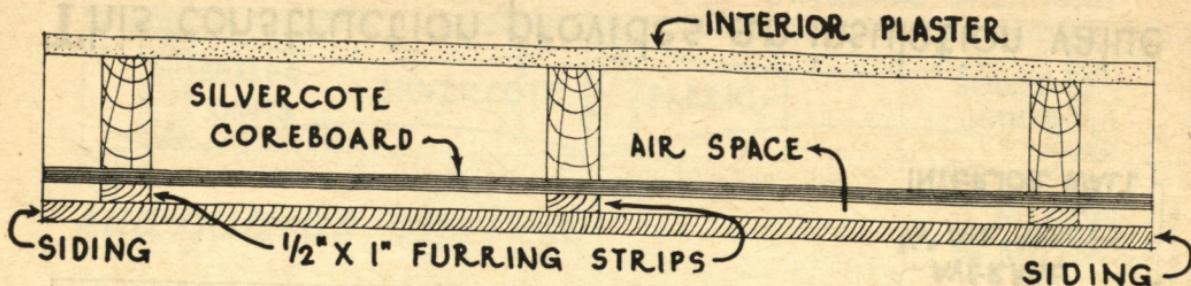
100% MORE INSULATION — — —  $\frac{1}{2}$  THE COST



This construction provides an insulation value equal to 2" of rigid board form (at bone dry and when not subject to wind infiltration) at a saving of approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  in cost.

# SILVERCOTE COREBOARD

AS EXTERIOR SHEATHING



In this construction you have sheathing and 121% more insulation in one application plus 9 times the tensile strength.

One layer of each Silvercote Product is equal in insulation value to the following charted thickness when used in walls to our specifications.

SILVERCOTE FABRIC

$\frac{1}{32}$ " THICK

CONDUCTANCE .33

RESISTANCE 3.03



RIGID BOARD FORM  
AT BONE DRY

= 1" THICK

CONDUCTIVITY .33

RESISTANCE 3.03

SILVERCOTE COREBOARD

CONDUCTANCE .265

RESISTANCE 3.77

$\frac{3}{8}$ " THICK

$1\frac{1}{100}$ " THICK

CONDUCTANCE .265

RESISTANCE 3.77

SILVERCOTE INSULATION BOARD

CONDUCTANCE .49

RESISTANCE 2.04

$\frac{3}{16}$ " THICK

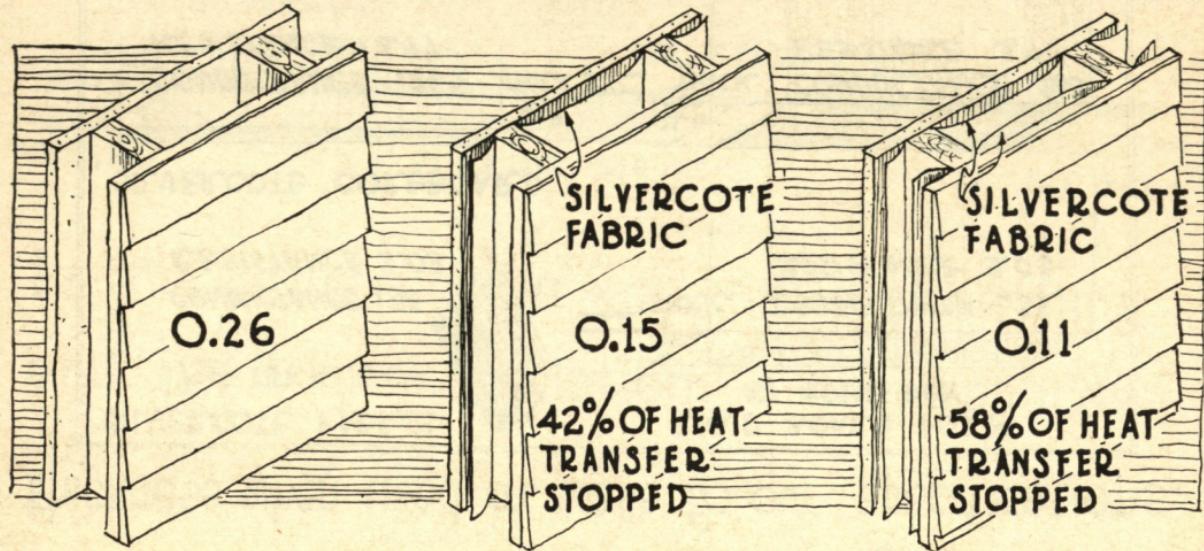
$2\frac{1}{3}$ " THICK

CONDUCTANCE .49

RESISTANCE 2.04

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Frame Construction



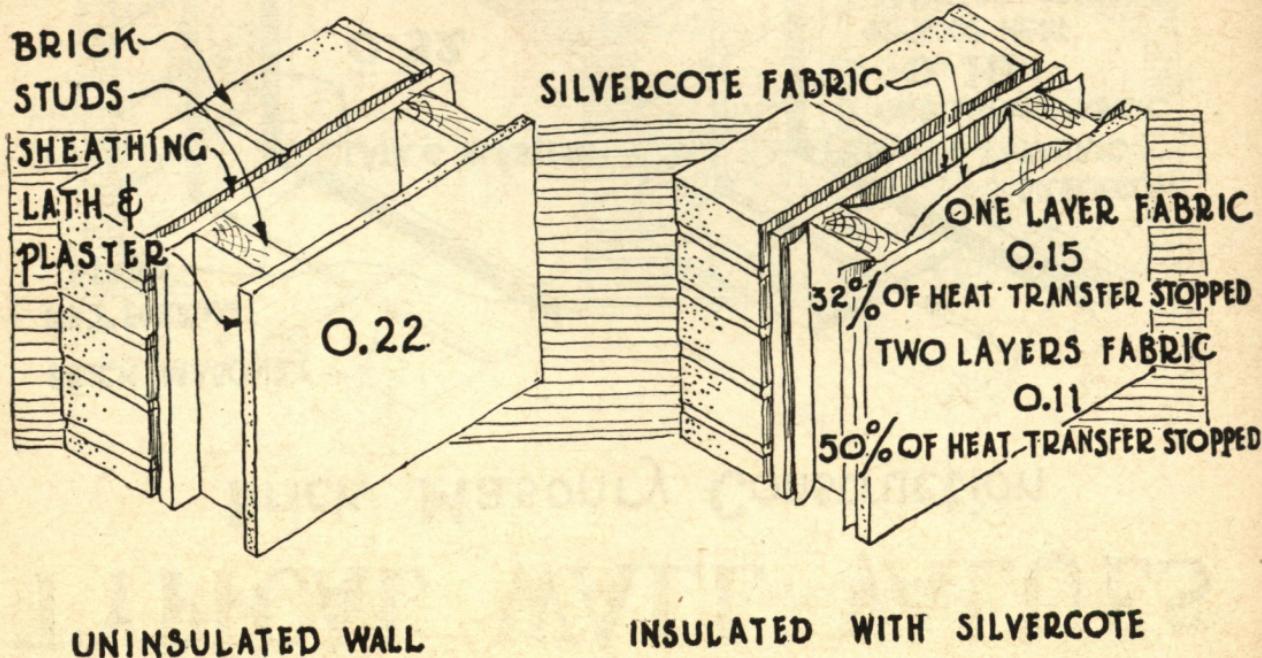
NO INSULATION  
IN WALL

ONE LAYER OF  
SILVERCOTE FABRIC

TWO LAYERS OF  
SILVERCOTE FABRIC

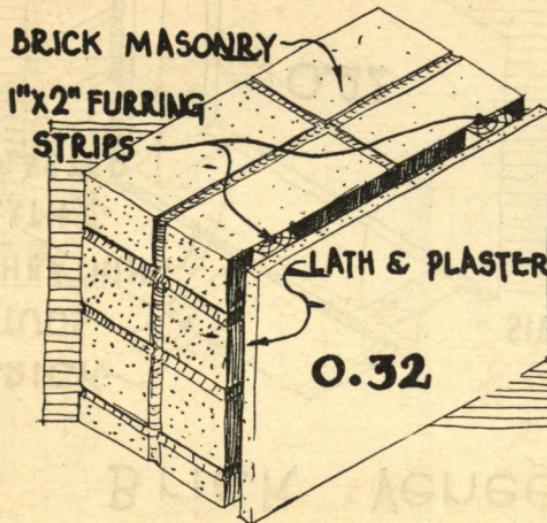
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## Brick Veneer Construction

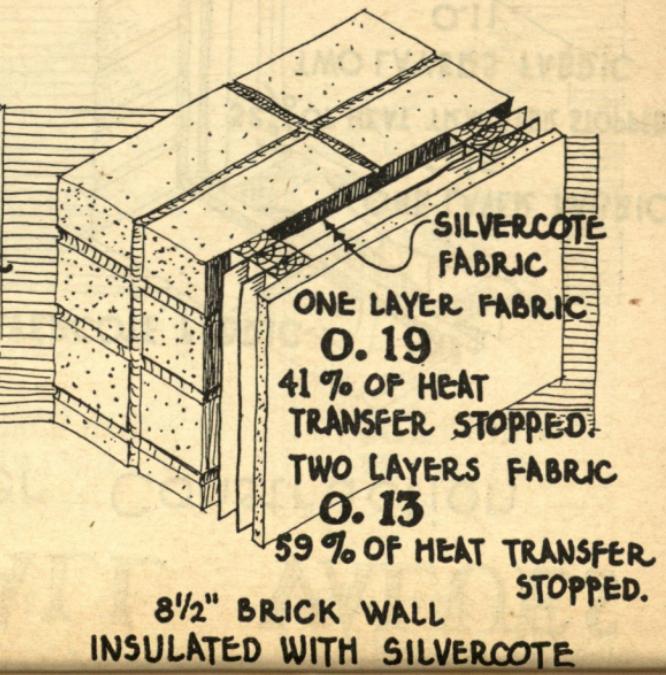


# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Brick Masonry Construction



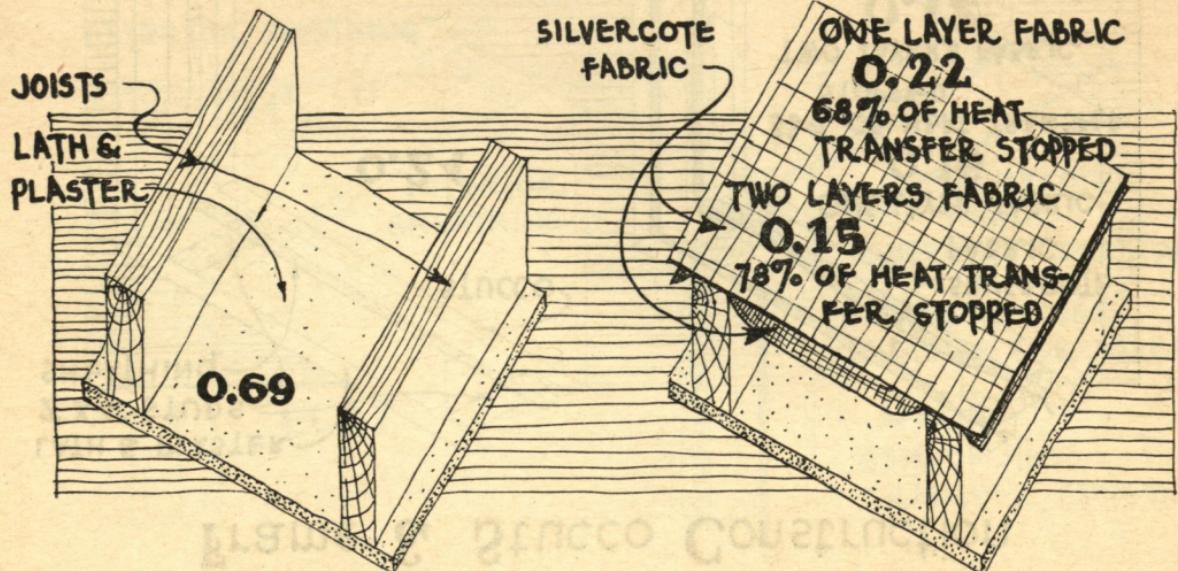
8 1/2" BRICK WALL  
UNINSULATED



8 1/2" BRICK WALL  
INSULATED WITH SILVERCOTE

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Attic Insulation

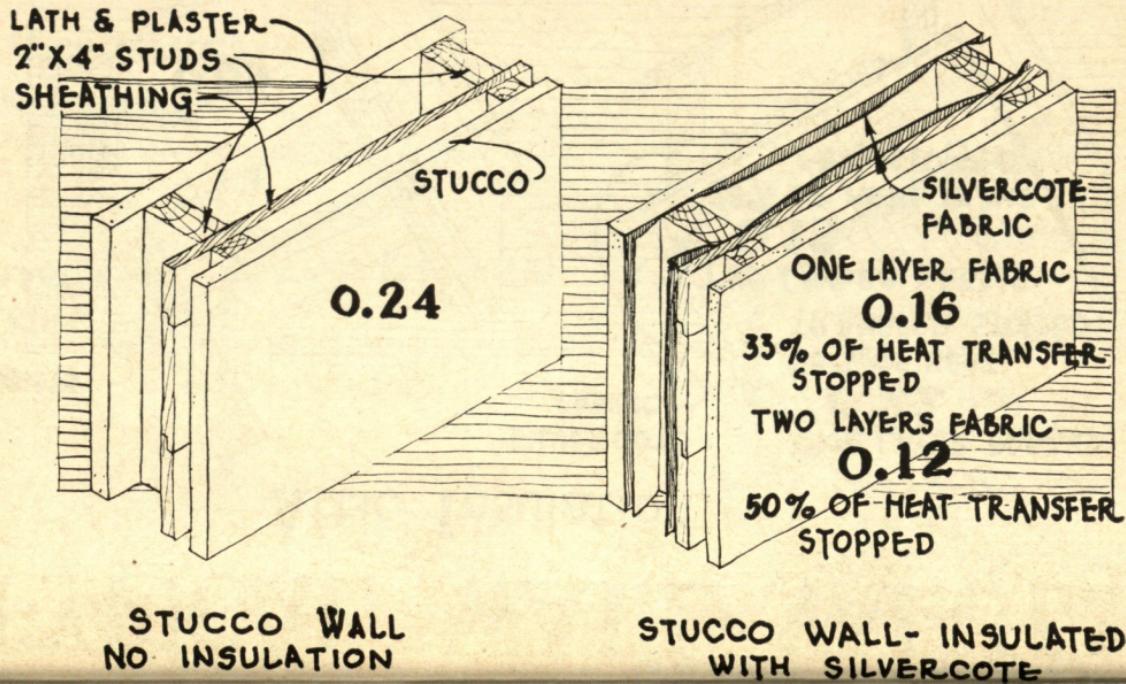


ATTIC FLOOR  
UNINSULATED ::::

ATTIC FLOOR  
INSULATED WITH SILVERCOTE

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Frame & Stucco Construction



# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

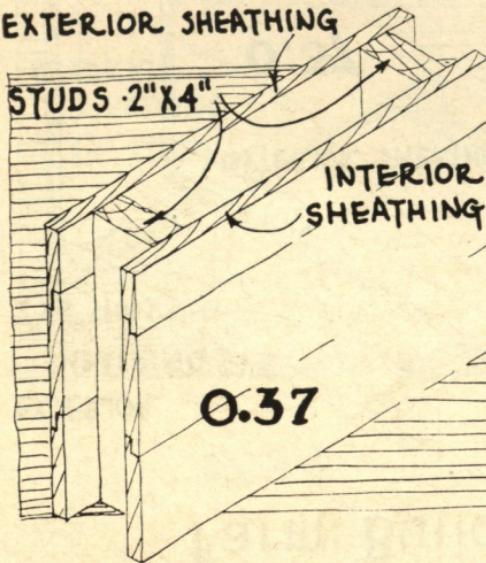
## Farm Building Construction

EXTERIOR SHEATHING

STUDS 2"X4"

INTERIOR  
SHEATHING

0.37



TYPICAL BROODER HOUSE  
WALL - UNINSULATED

SILVERCOTE  
FABRIC  
SILVERCOTE COREBOARD  
BATTENS TO COVER  
JOINTS OF COREBOARD

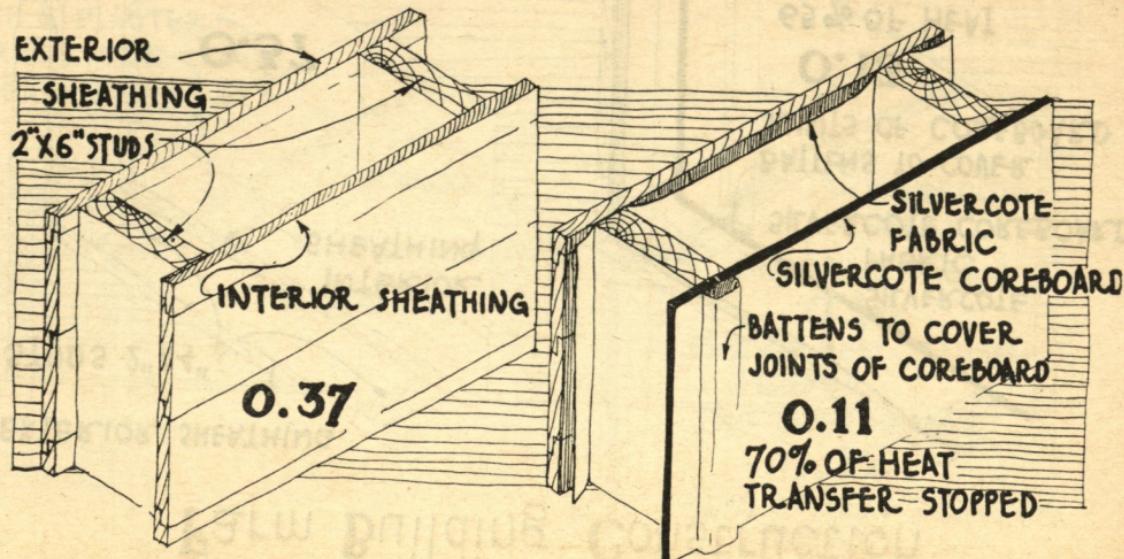
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65% OF HEAT  
TRANSFER STOPPED

BROODER HOUSE WALL -  
INSULATED WITH SILVERCOTE

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Farm Building Construction

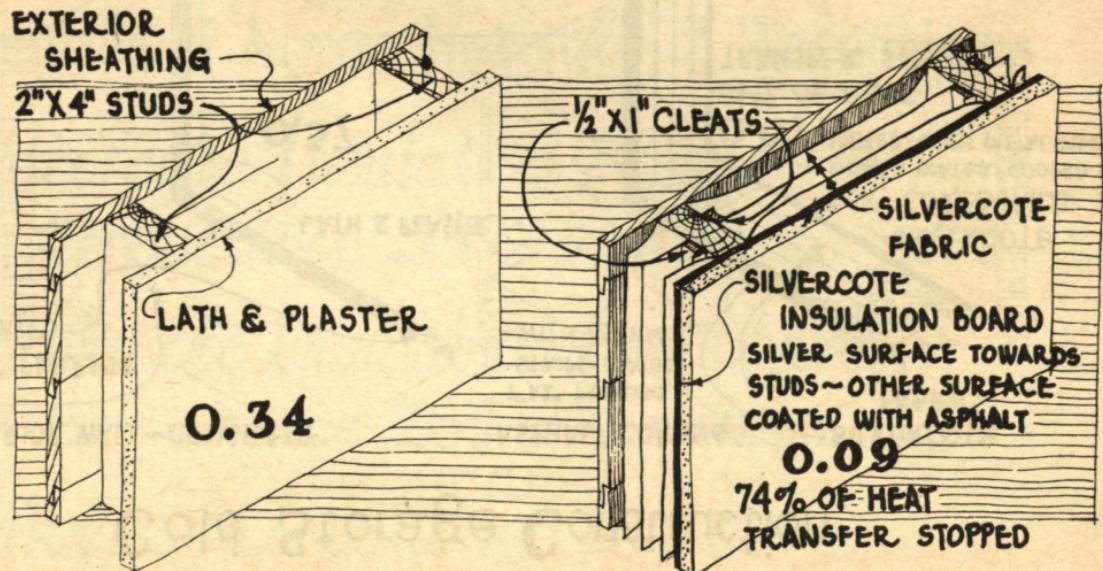


TYPICAL DAIRY BARN  
WALL - UNINSULATED

DAIRY BARN WALL -  
INSULATED WITH SILVERCOTE

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Farm Building Construction



WALL FOR COLD ROOM FOR MILK,  
FRUIT, PRODUCE, ETC. ~ UNINSULATED

COLD ROOM WALL ~  
INSULATED WITH SILVERCOTE

# TYPICAL WALL VALUES

## Cold Storage Construction

### EXTERIOR WALL - CONCRETE

1" X 2" FURRING STRIPS

LATH & PLASTER

0.37

### ASPHALT COATING

1" X 2" FURRING STRIPS - COATED WITH ASPHALT

SILVERCOTE FABRIC

SILVERCOTE COREBOARD

EDGES WATERPROOFED & JOINED WITH METAL MOULDS  
0.07  
81% OF HEAT TRANSFER STOPPED

COLD STORAGE WALL  
NO INSULATION

COLD STORAGE WALL  
SILVERCOTE INSULATION

All values claimed for Silvercote Insulation Products are confirmed by Professor J.C. Peebles of Armour Institute of Technology.

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Conductance **.265** ~ Resistance **3.77**

*Silvercote Insulation Board* ~

Conductance **.49** ~ Resistance **2.04**

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FULFILLS  
EVERY  
INSULATION  
REQUIREMENT**

*such as:*

## Structural Building

Houses

Barns

Chicken Houses

Hog Houses

Railroads

Automobiles

Marine Boats



## Decoration

Department Stores

Retail Stores

Theatres

Merchants

for

Interior Finish

Window Backgrounds

Signs & Placards

Displays

## Cold Storage

Cold Storage Rooms

Breweries

Railway Refrigerated Cars

Tank Cars

Refrigerated Trucks

Meat Packers

Meat Markets

Bottling Companies

Bottling Company

Distributors

Candy Manufacturers

Candy Distributors

Ice Cream Manufacturers

Creameries

Dairy Farms

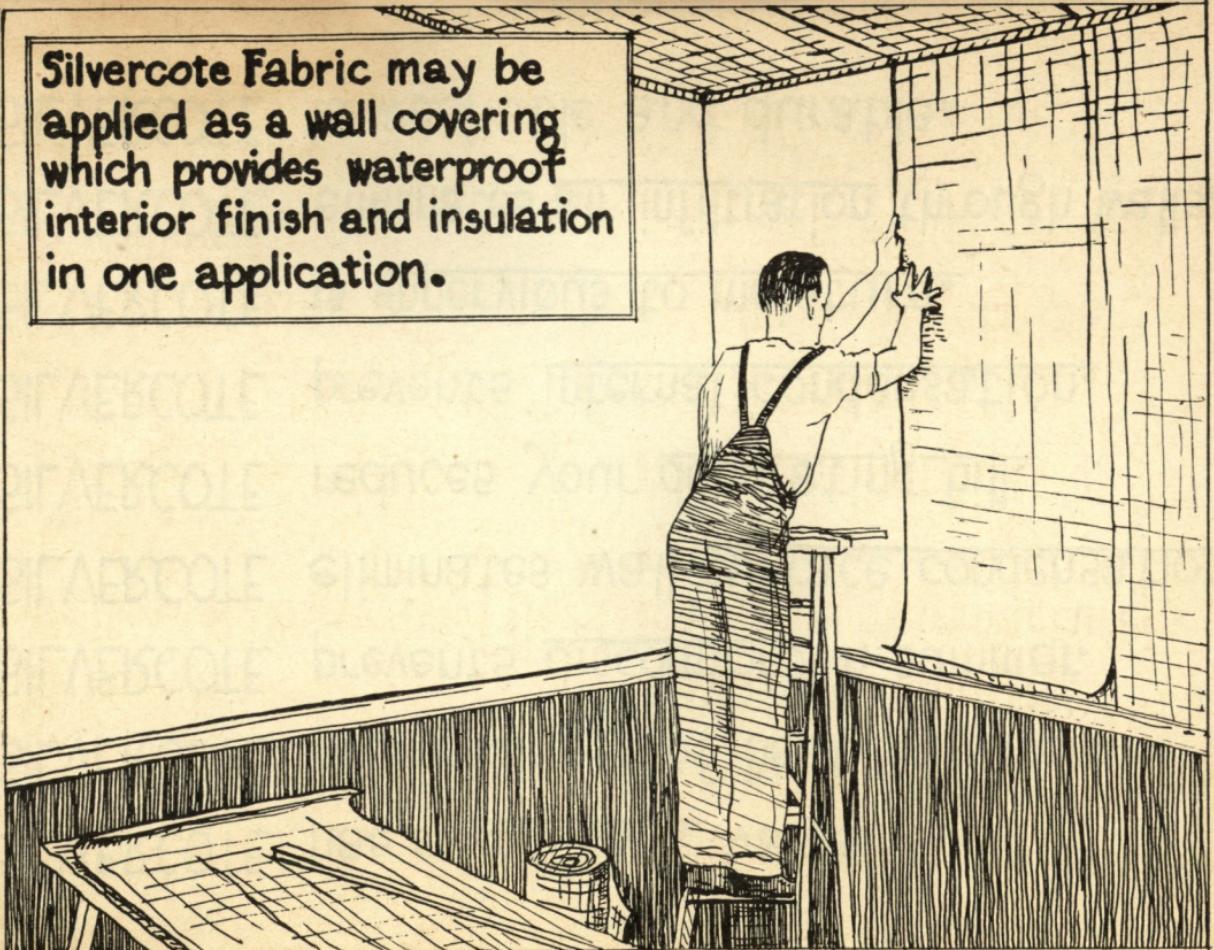
Fur Storage

Potato & Vegetable  
Warehouses

Refrigerators

Ice Boxes

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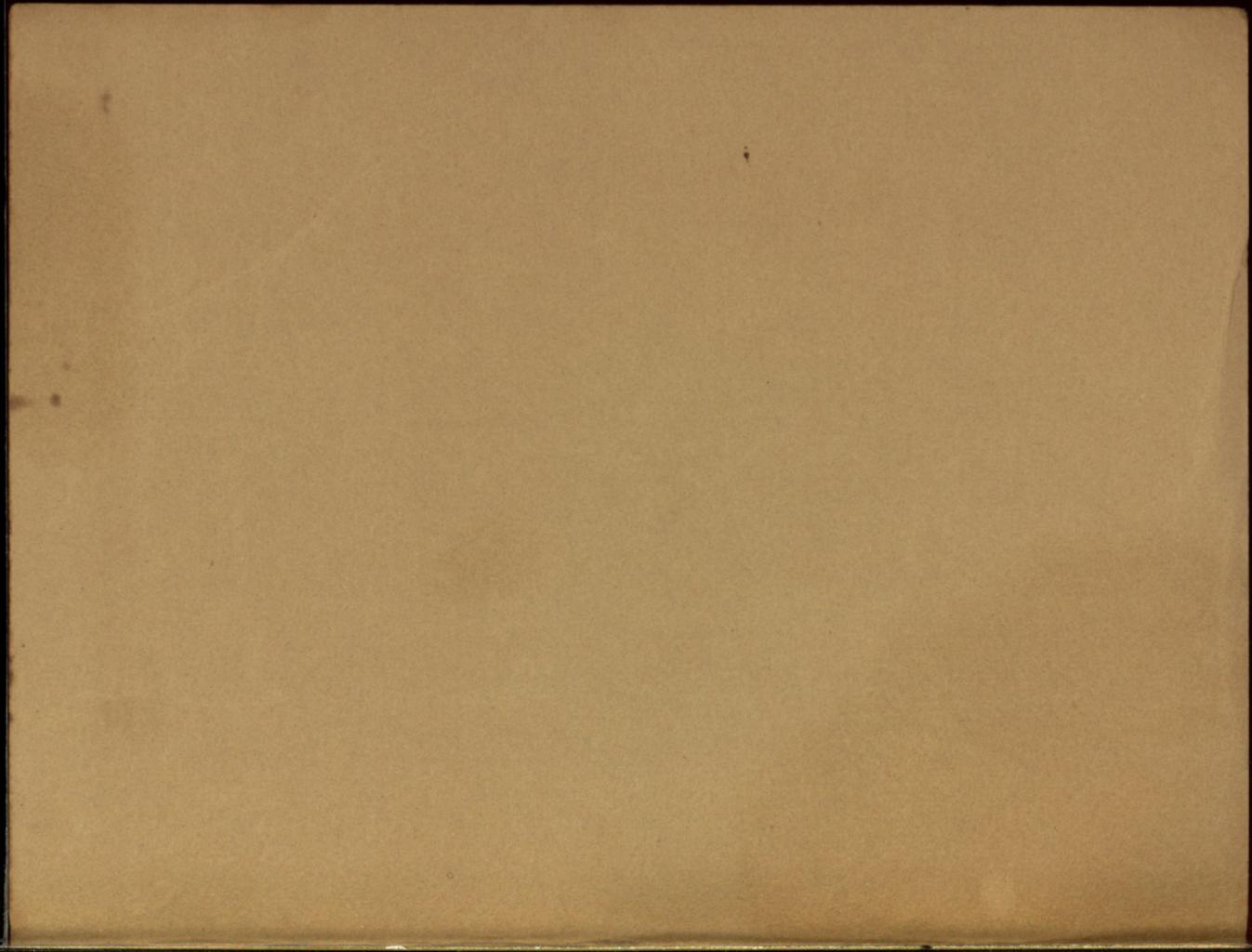
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compared to fabric

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